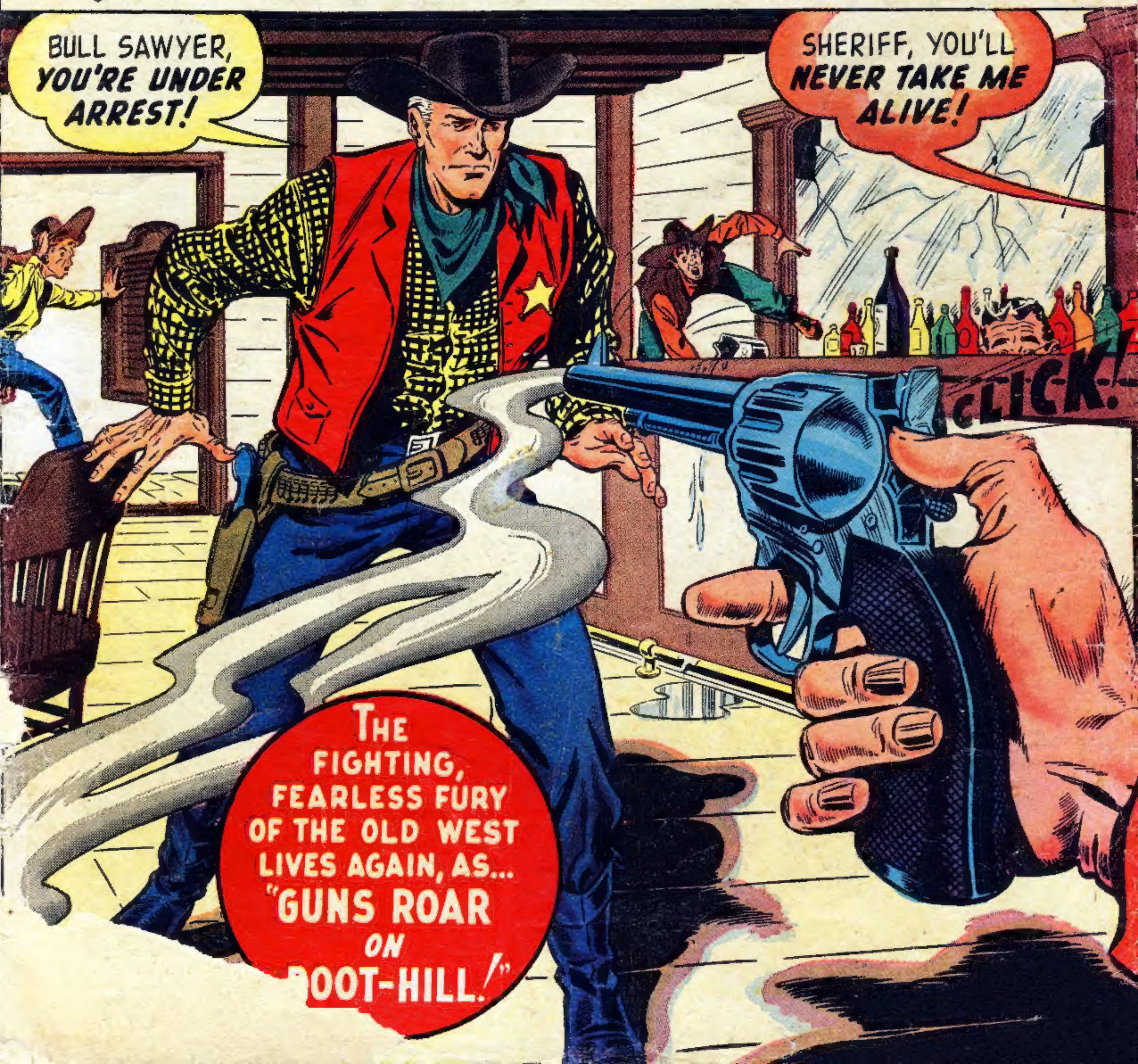


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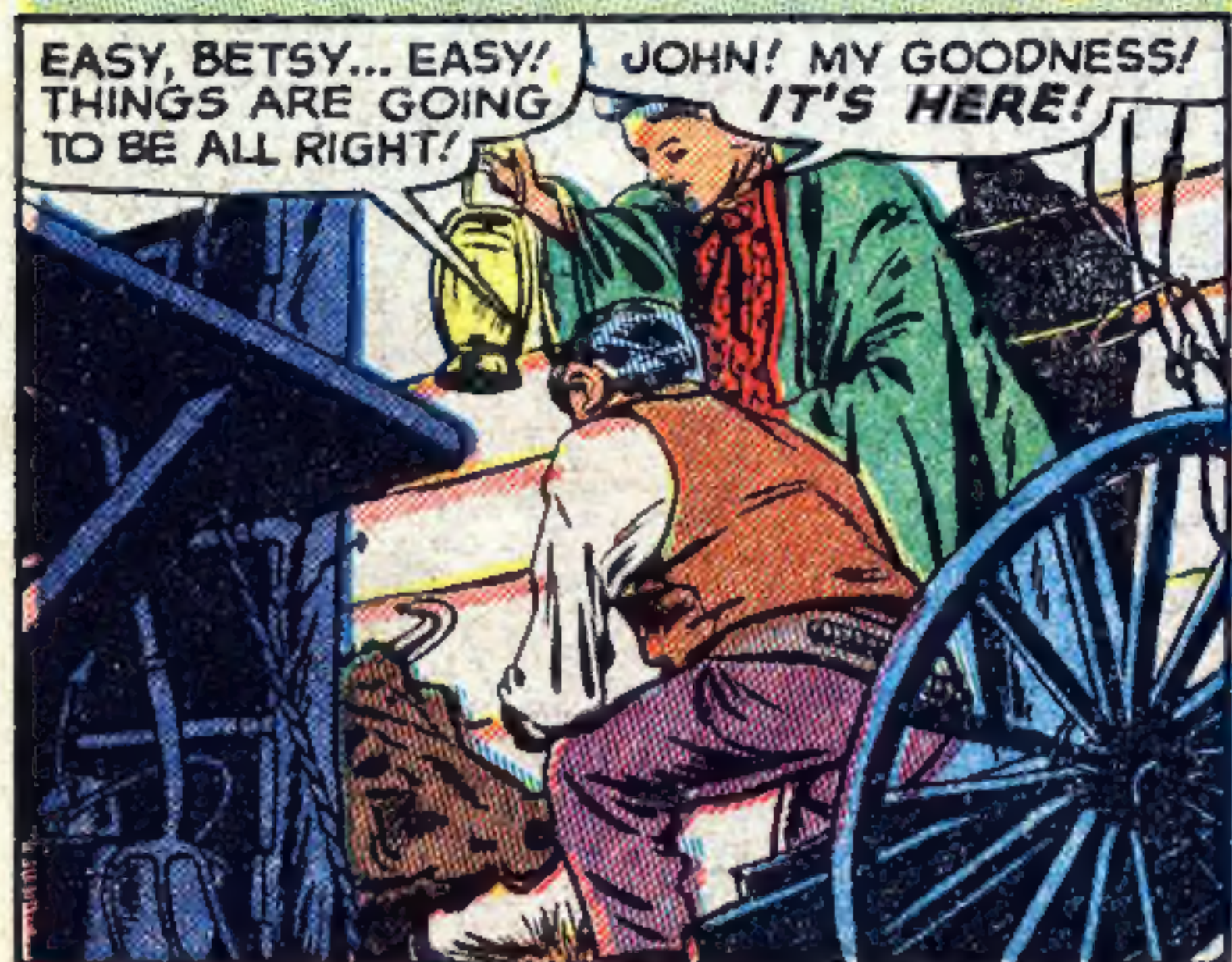
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JOHN! MY GOODNESS! IT'S HERE!



YOU MEAN **HE'S** HERE, MARY! **THUNDERATION!** HE'S AS FINE-LOOKIN' A **NEW-BORN CALF** AS WE EVER HAD!



SOON AFTER...

C'MON, LI'L LONGHORN... LET'S SEE YA EAT LIKE YA MEANT IT! Y'KNOW, MARY... I'M AFRAID HE'S COMIN' UP A LITTLE SICKLY!

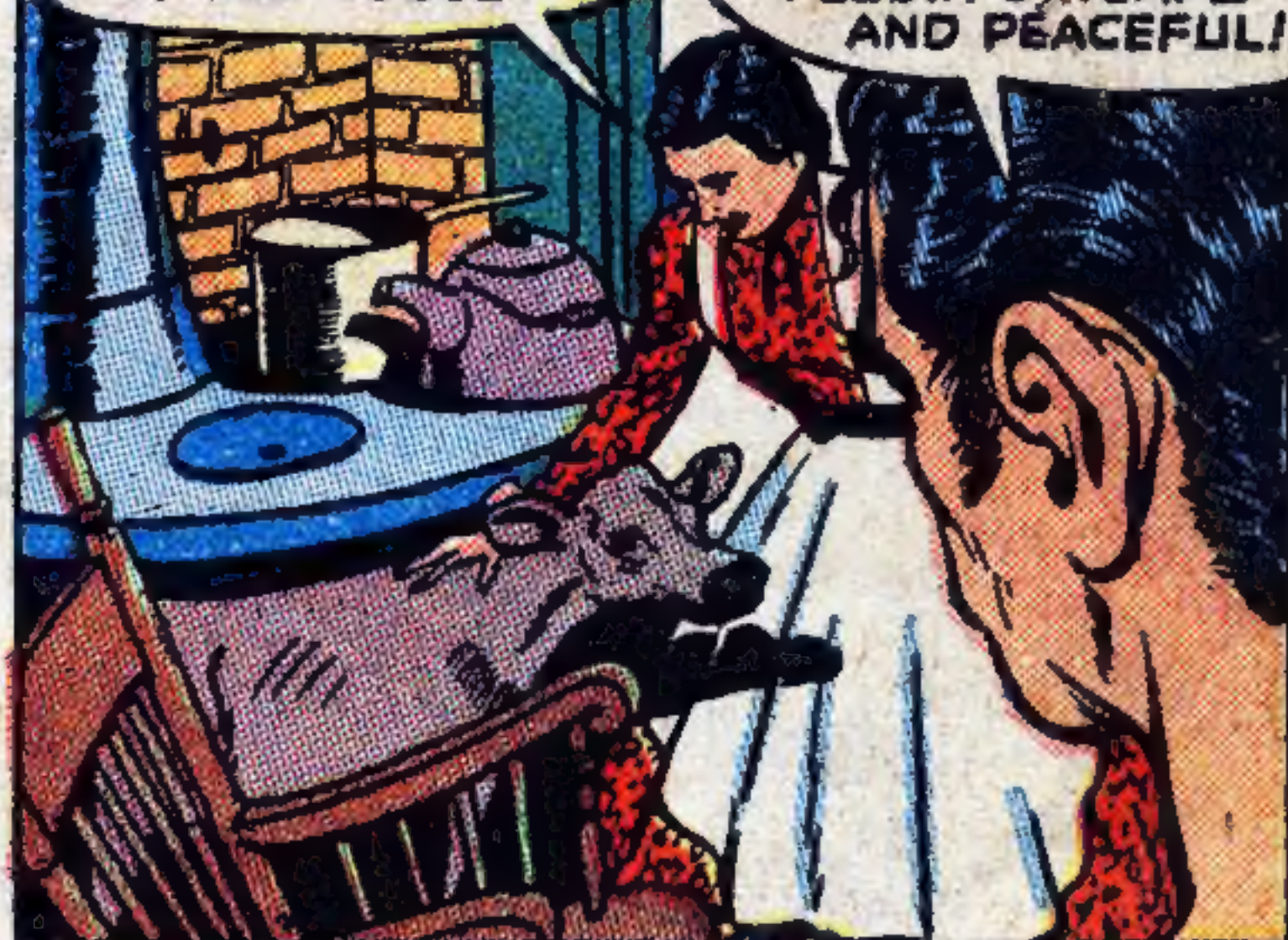
YOU'RE RIGHT, JOHN... AN' I'VE GOT AN IDEA!



AND WHEN AN INFANT COMES UP SICKLY, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO... SORT OF NURSE THE LITTLE ONE ALONG!

THAT'S BETTER! HE SEEMS TO FEEL WARMER AND MORE COMFORTABLE IN THE HOUSE!

YEP, HE SURE DOES! WE'LL KEEP HIM HERE BETWEEN FEEDIN'S... SAFE AND PEACEFUL!



YES, LIFE ON THE HANKINS' SPREAD IS GOOD! BUT, SOMEHOW, WHERE THERE'S GOODNESS, THERE'S ALWAYS EVIL... ALWAYS A SERPENT IN THE PEACEFUL GARDEN!



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NEAT LITTLE HAUL FER A NIGHT'S WORK! THEM HANKINS'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT 'EM... HAW, HAW!



CALLED TO THE RESCUE, THE SHERIFF LISTENS TO THE HANKINS' STORY!

THEM NO-COUNT, MANGY MAVERICKS STRIPPED OUR SPREAD CLEAN, SHERIFF! THEY SHOT AN' RUSTLED EVERY SINGLE HEAD O' STOCK!

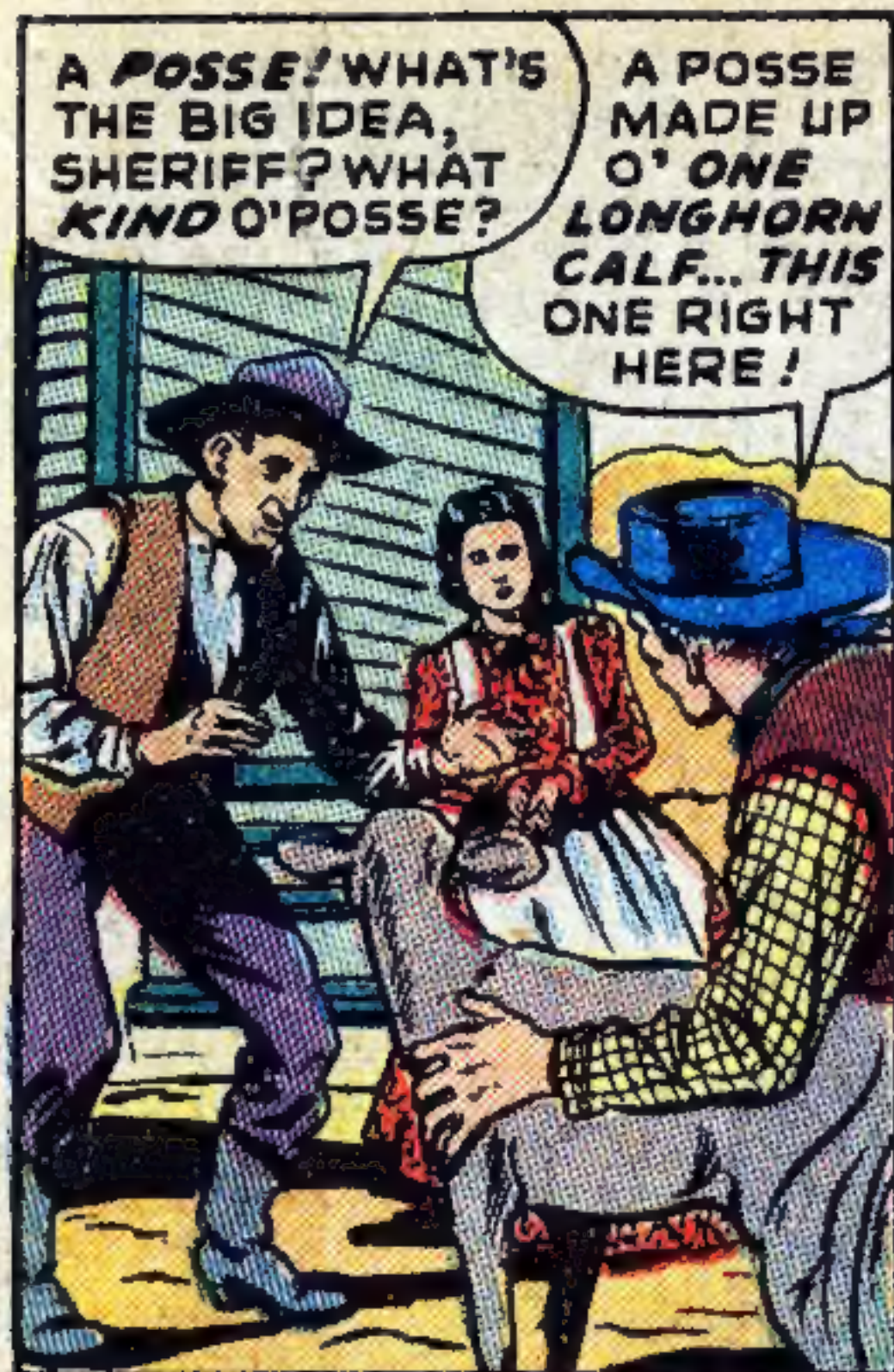
EVERY SINGLE COW AN' STEER BUT ONE!



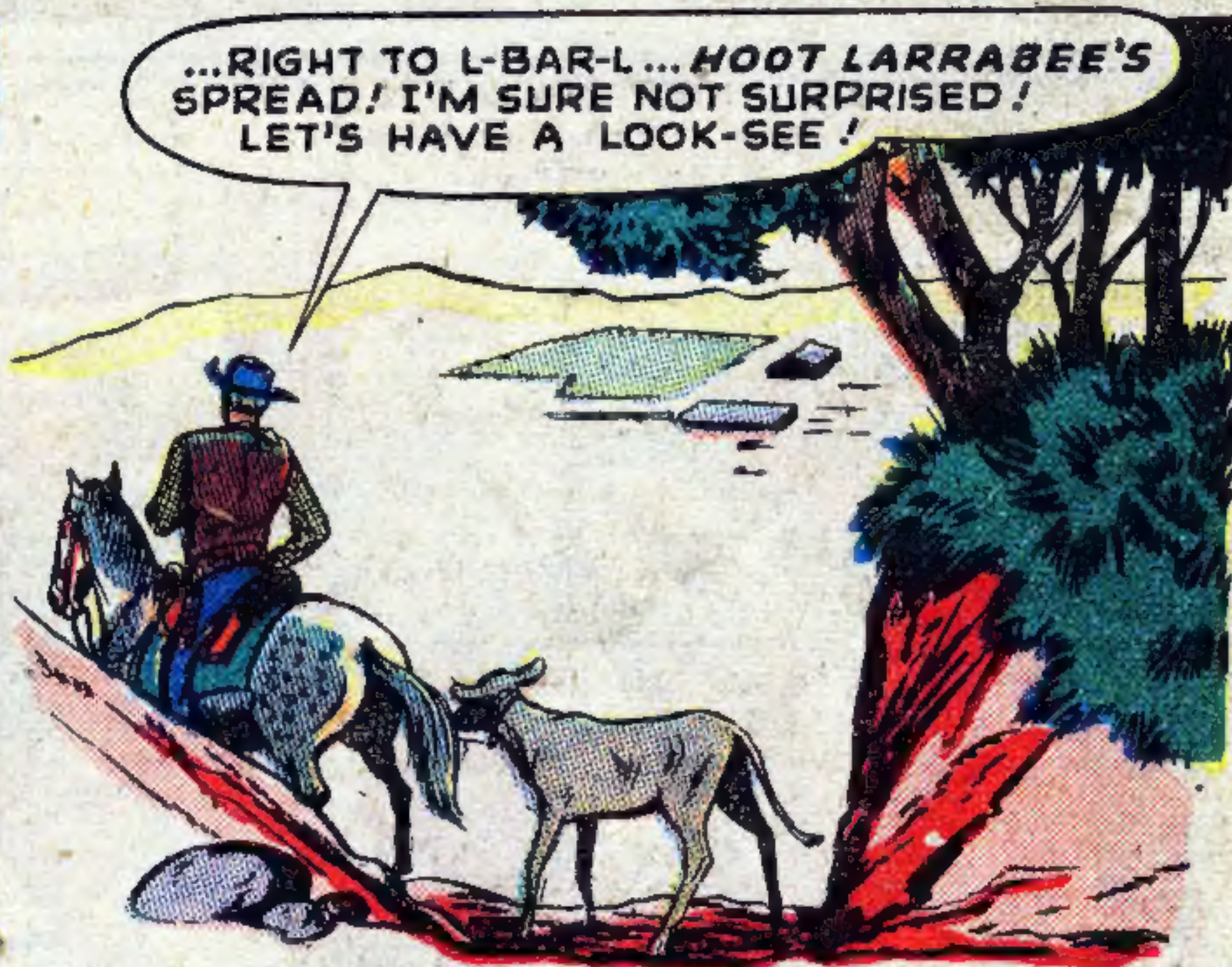
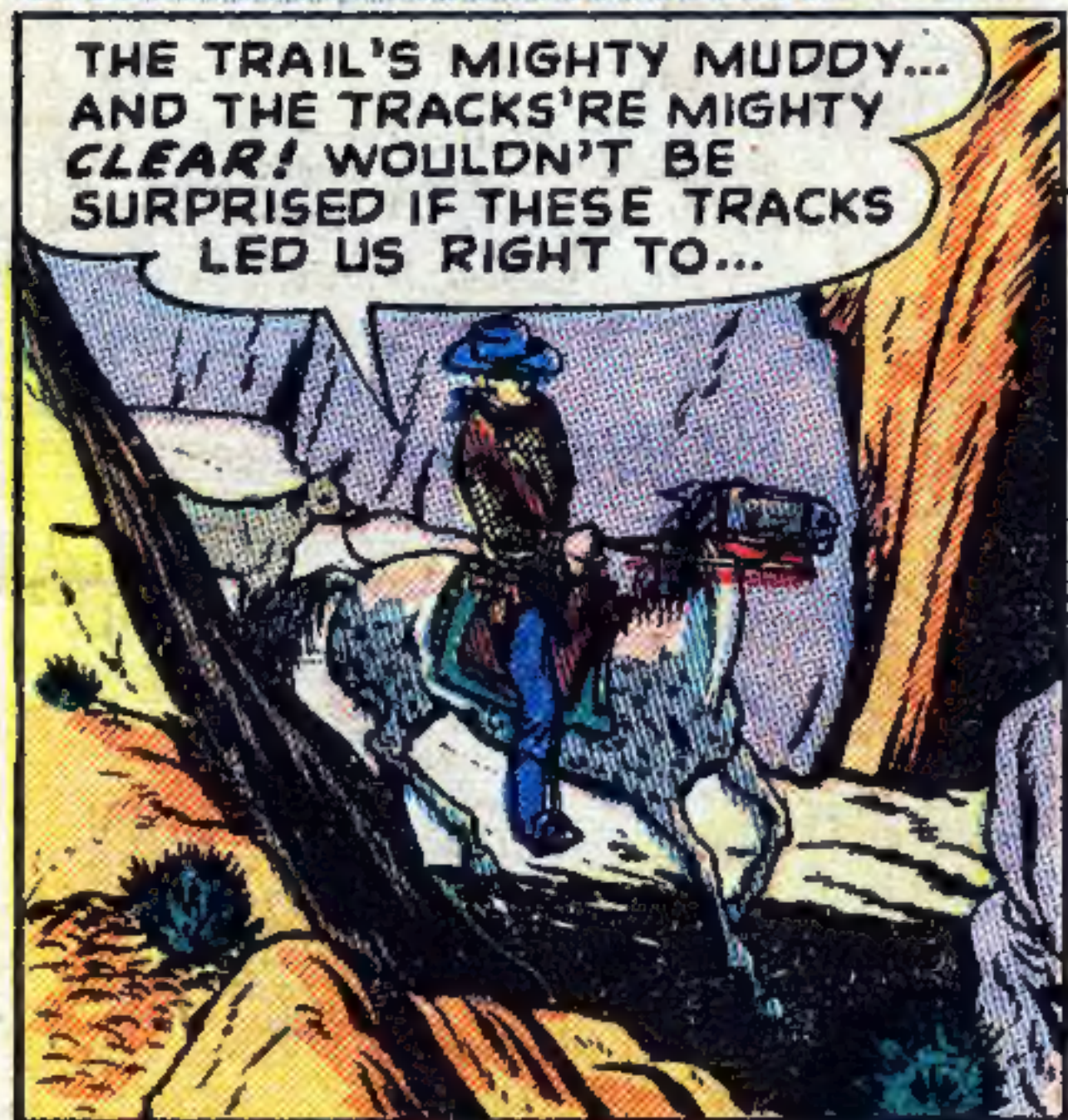
THE LITTLE CALF'S THE ONLY ONE LEFT, SHERIFF! WE HAD 'IM HERE IN THE HOUSE WITH US!

THE ONLY ONE LEFT... AN' THE ONLY ONE WE NEED! OUR FIRST MOVE IS TO SWEAR IN A POSSE!

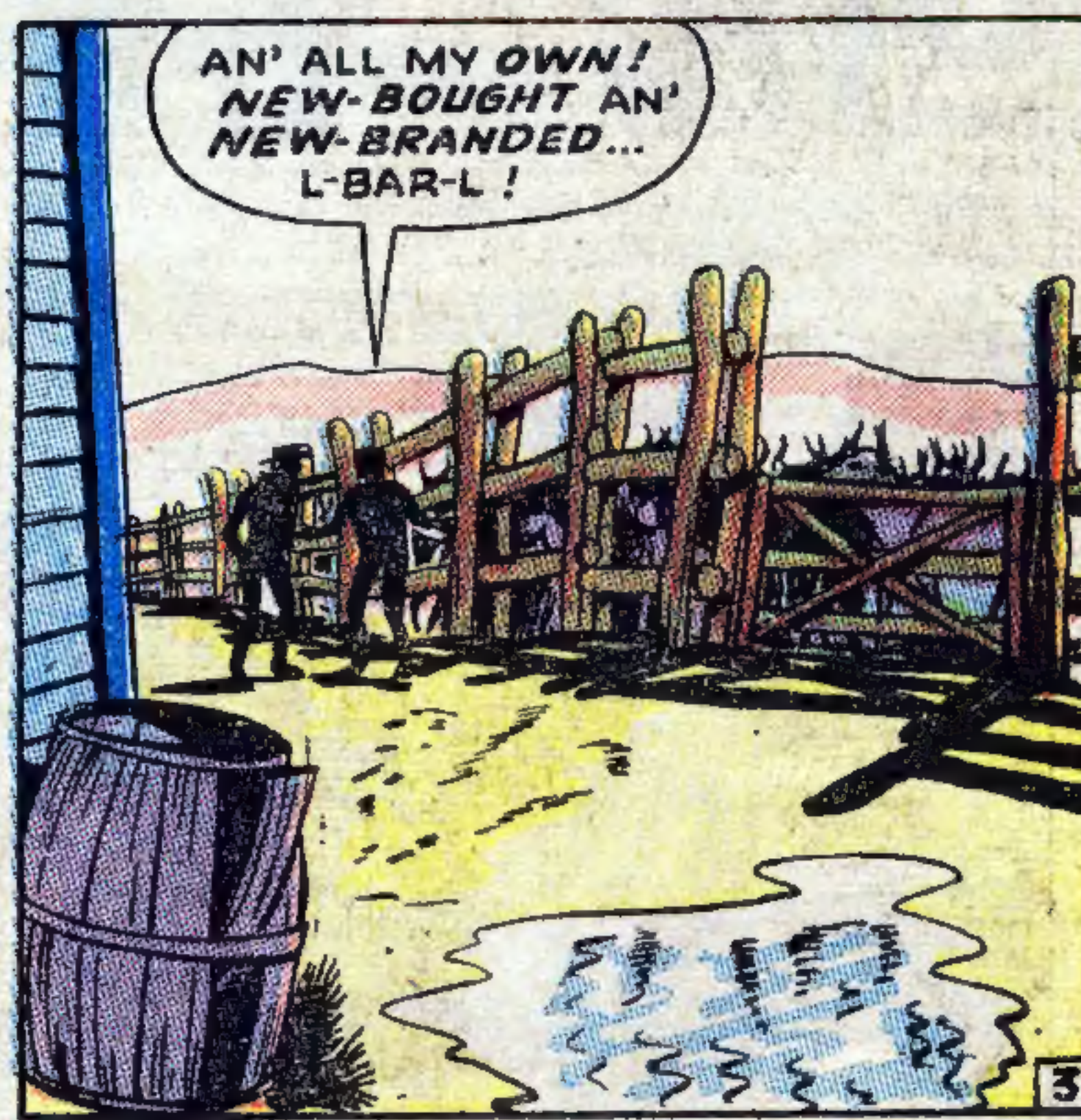
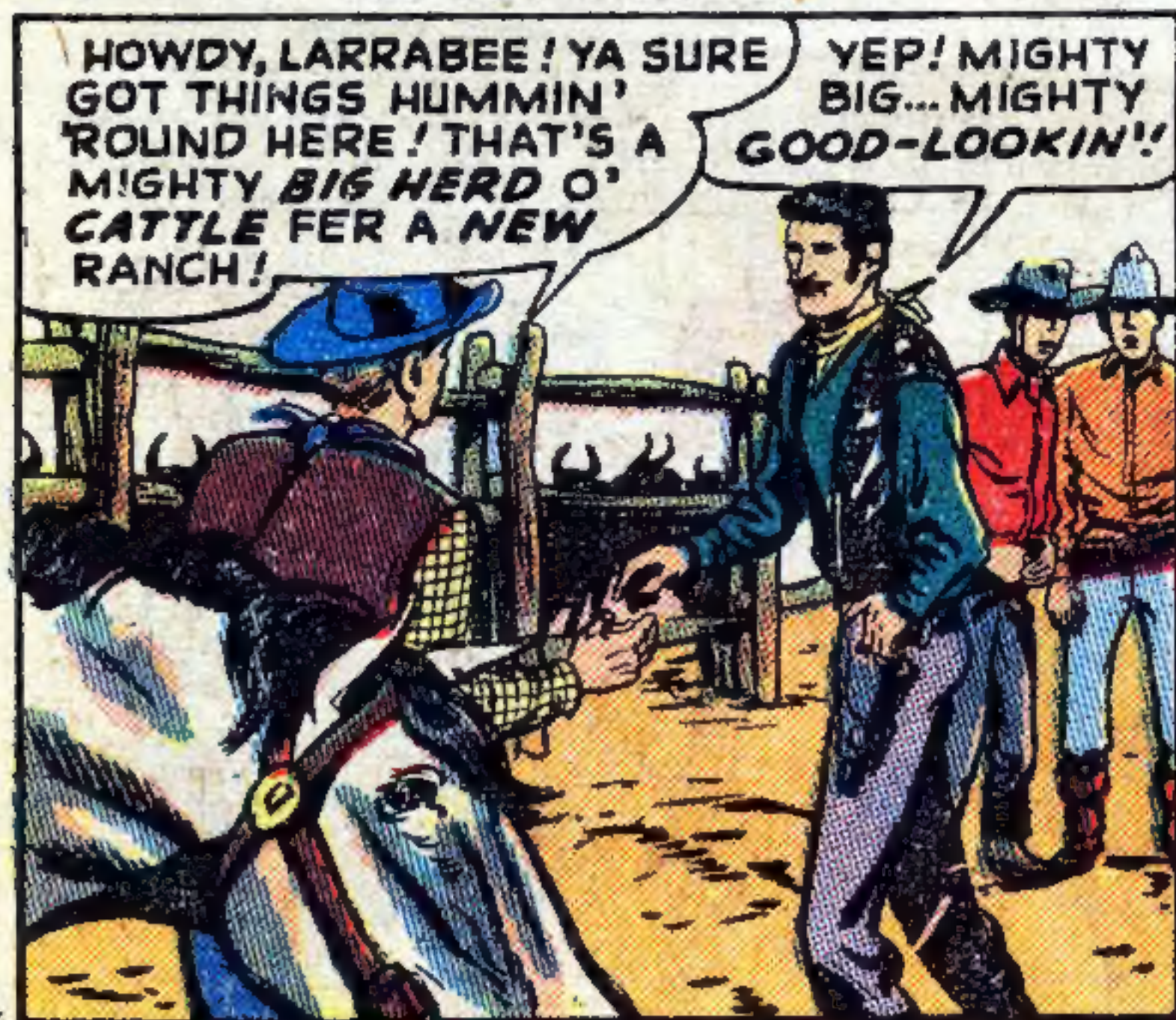




WHEN THE SHERIFF SAYS AN OUTLAW'S MADE A "MISTAKE"... HE GENERALLY MEANS THERE'S A ROPE HALF-WAY AROUND A WELL-DESERVING NECK!



HOOT LARRABEE'S A NEWCOMER TO THE TERRITORY! BUT HE'S NOT NEW TO THE SHERIFF... NOT BY A LONG SHOT! HIS TYPE'S AN OLD STORY...



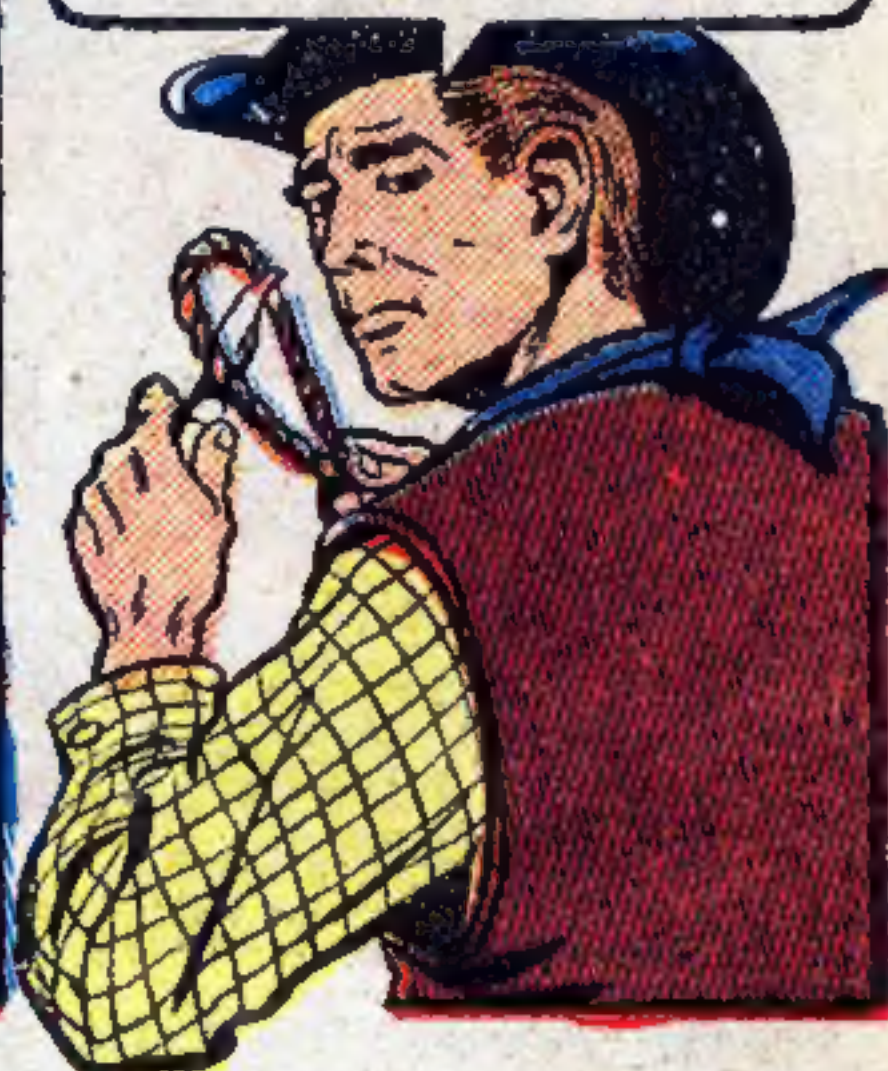
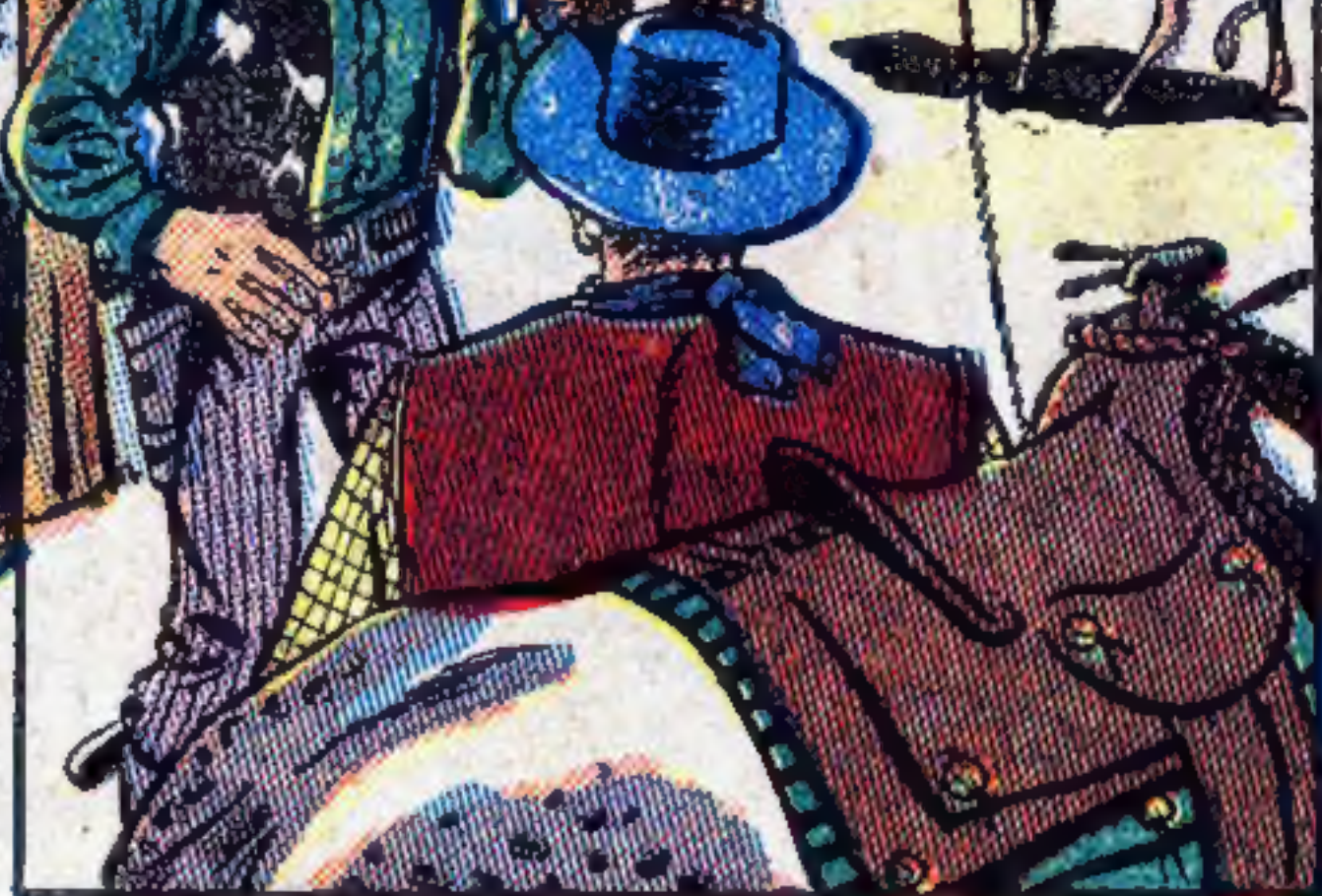
WHEN A BLAST OF T.N.T. IS ABOUT TO EXPLODE, IT STARTS OFF SLOW AND EASY-LIKE! WELL, SO DOES BLAZE CARSON!

GLAD TA HEAR THAT, LARRABEE! FUNNY THING... JUST HAD A RUSTLIN' RAID ON THE HANKINS' HERD! ORNERY CRITTERS GOT THE *WHOLE SHEBANG*!

SHERIFF, LET'S TALK PLAIN! THESE CATTLE'RE *MINE*...WITH *MY* BRAND ON 'EM! I DON'T WANTA HEAR ABOUT *HANKINS'* CATTLE! YER JUST WASTIN' MY TIME WITH FANCY TALK!

SLOWLY, MILDLY, THE SHERIFF GETS UP STEAM...

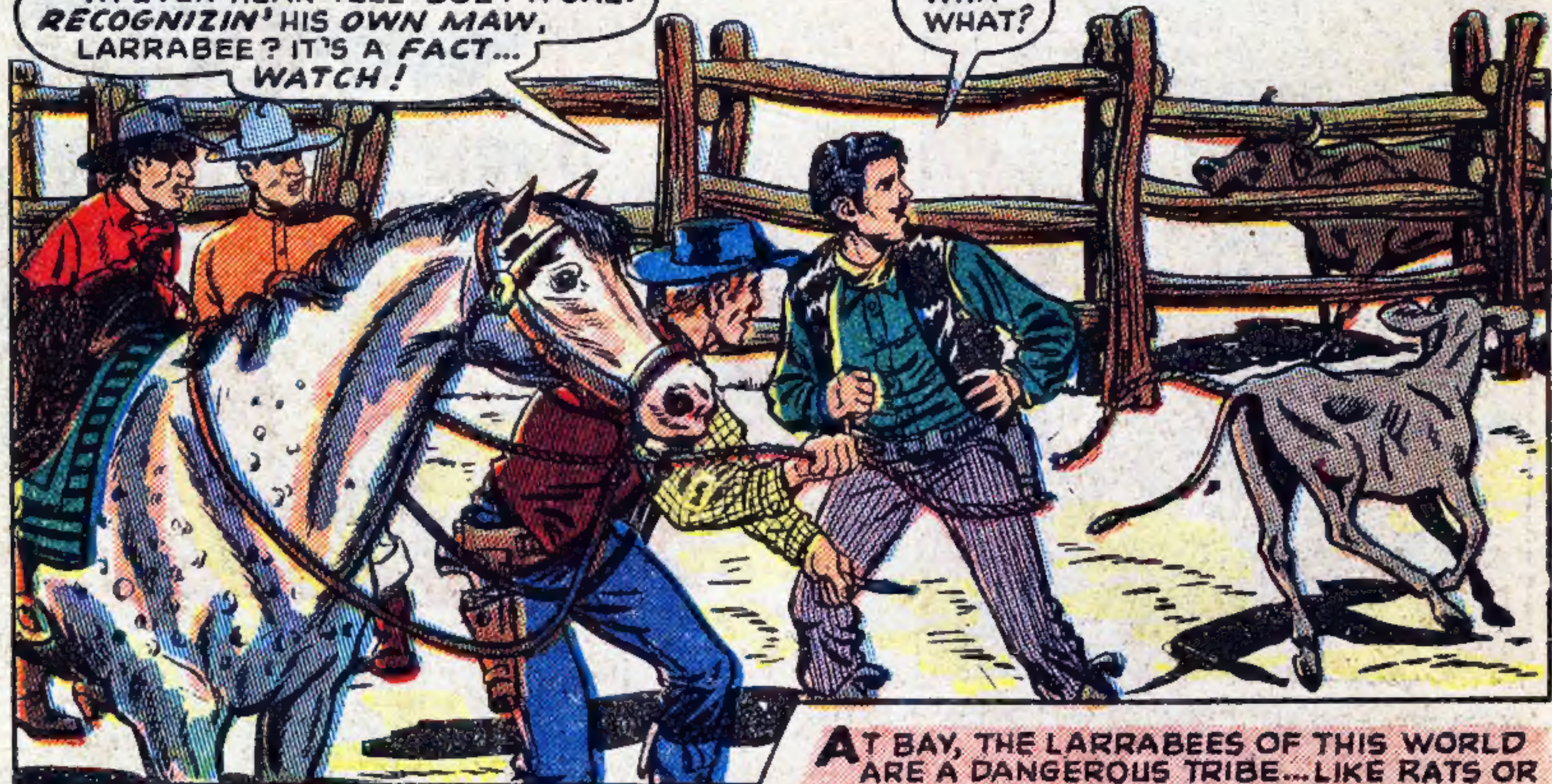
DON'T COUNT ON THAT, LARRABEE! I'M NO HOMBRE FOR LONG SPEECHES! NOT WHEN THERE'S A COUPLE O' *SHORT, PLAIN FACTS* AROUN'!



AND EXPLODES A SUDDEN POWERFUL SURPRISE!

YA EVER HEAR TELL 'BOUT A CALF RECOGNIZIN' HIS OWN MAW, LARRABEE? IT'S A FACT... *WATCH!*

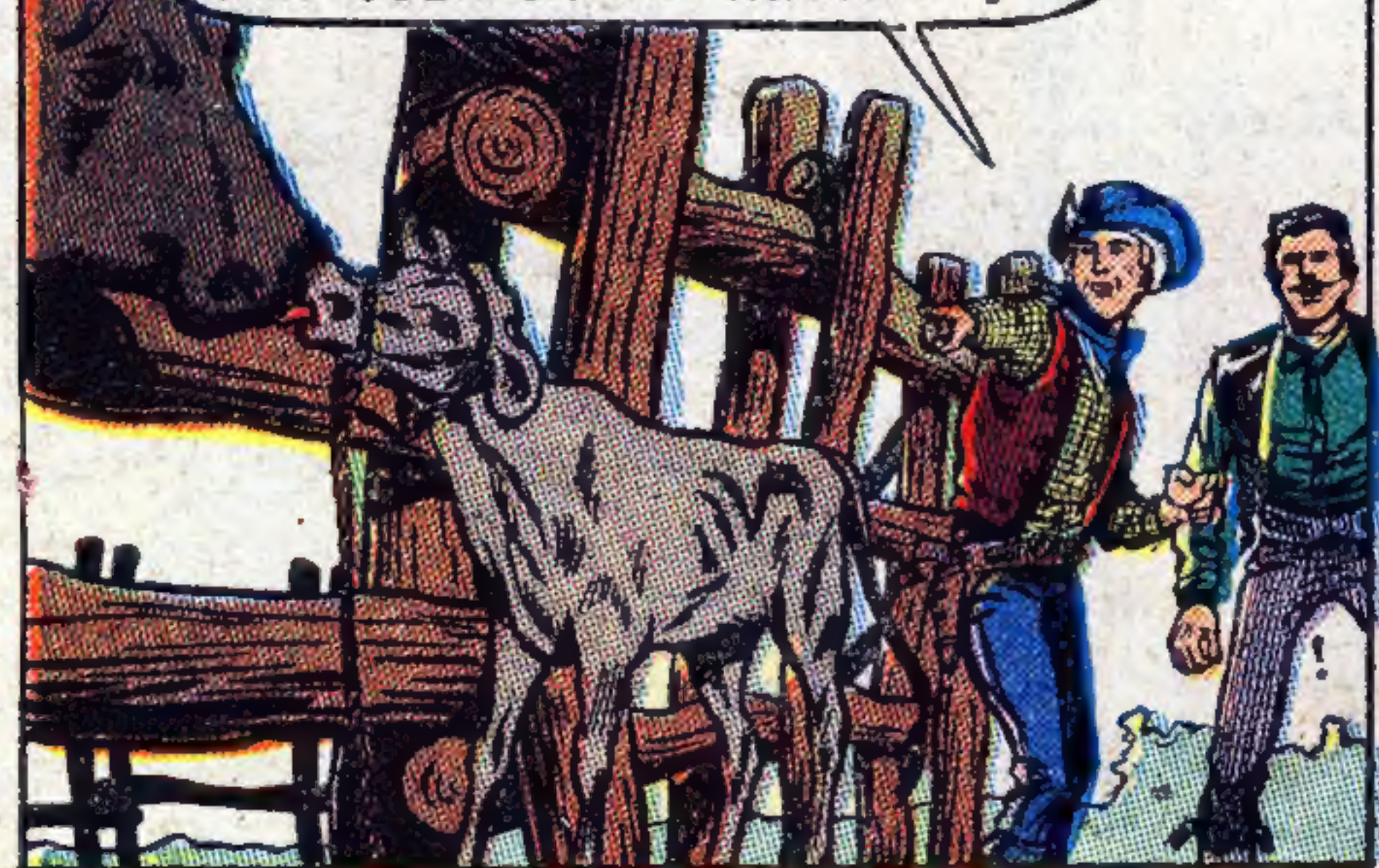
WHA-WHAT?



AT BAY, THE LARRABEES OF THIS WORLD ARE A DANGEROUS TRIBE...LIKE RATS OR SNAKES!

SEE THAT *HAPPY REUNION* BETWEEN *MOTHER* AND *CALF*, LARRABEE? THAT'S THE END O' THEM *LIES* YA BEEN FEEDIN' ME... AND YOUR CATTLE RUSTLIN'!

LIES? RUSTLIN'? YOU'RE SURE TOSSIN' AROUN' A HEAP O' BIG TALK, SHERIFF...*SPECIALLY* WHEN I GOT MY MEN AT MY BACK!



BUT BLAZE CARSON KNOWS HOW TO HANDLE RATS OF LARRABEE'S STRIFE...

I'M THROUGH TALKIN'... SO ARE YOU! **DRAW, LARRABEE... DRAW FAST!**

HE'S COMIN' RIGHT AT US! **SHOOT TO KILL... IT'S HIM OR US!**

FIGHT, YOU RUSTLIN' COYOTES!

BANG!

NO ONE-HOSS SHERIFF KIN HOODWINK HOOT LARRABEE! I'LL...

TOO MUCH TALK'S BEEN YOUR FAILIN' ALL ALONG, HOOT!

RECKON WE'VE GOT TO GET RID OF ALL THAT **EXTRA WIND!**

CRACK!

WHAM!

ANYMORE HOOTIN', LARRABEE?

P-PLenty! YA HAVE NO RIGHT ATTACKIN' US LIKE THIS! WHERE'S YER WARRANT, YER **AUTHORITY?** I'LL RUN YA OFF MY RANCH... I'LL...

WHEN IT COMES TO SIX-GUNS, FISTS, OR BRAINS... A GOOD SHERIFF IS ALWAYS A STEP AHEAD OF THE PACK!

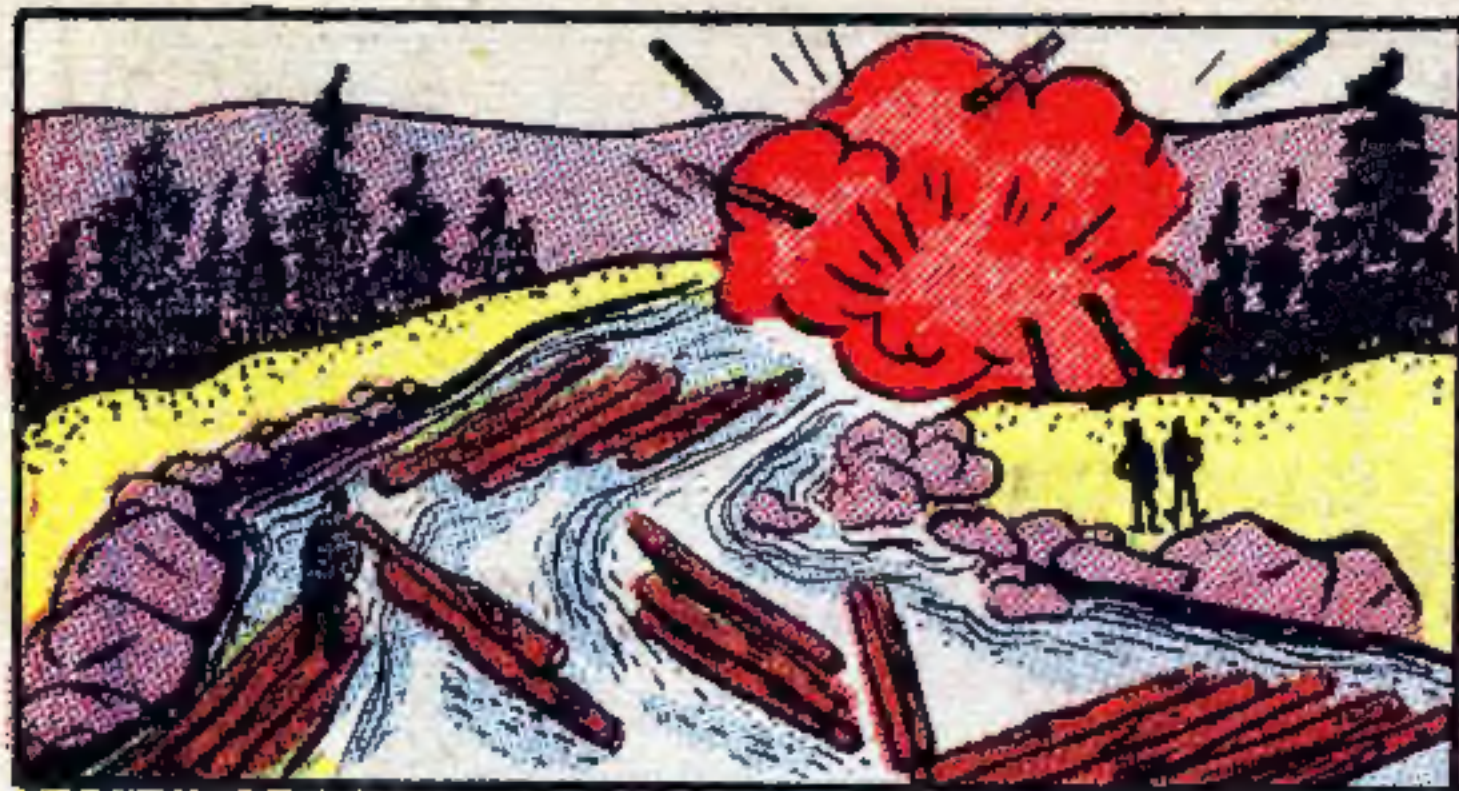
WHOA! SLOW DOWN, YOU BIG-MOUTHED HOOT OWL! I'VE GOT A WARRANT, AN' THERE'S A POSSE ON THE JOB ROUNDIN' UP HANKIN'S HERD! ONE LI'L CALF THAT KNOWS HIS MAW IS SENDIN' YOU TO JAIL FOR A LONG SPELL, HOOT LARRABEE!

AND, FOR A WHILE AT LEAST, THE WAYS OF PEACE... THE GOOD LIFE... RETURN TO THE RANCH OF JOHN AND MARY HANKIN!

YOUR CATTLE'S BACK, FOLKS! YOU KIN RELAX 'N LIVE EASY AGAIN!

THANKS TO YOU, SHERIFF... AN' OUR CALF!

THE END



WHEN I GET YOU . . .

THE woods boss knew there'd be trouble the second Hal Burton stepped into camp. The redhead came up the stretch of track, climbed the stack of cut logs and jumped to the ground almost in front of Charlie, the boss.

"Need a good logger?" he grinned.

"I don't know . . ." Charlie began.

"Now look, don't hand me that. In town they told me you were begging for hand-outs here. Why the sob story?"

"You got red hair, kid, that's why. And when Bingo Paterson gets sight of it he'll start taking you apart. By the way, what's your name?"

"Hal Burton. Now about this Bingo guy . . ."

Charlie cut him off. "Bingo is our biggest and best logger. Not only is he good at tearing down trees, but he also goes in for uprooting buildings, towns, cities—and guys with red hair. It's easy to get him out of trouble when he just gets angry in town, but I don't want him to be killing anybody. Best thing you can do is to go back where you came from."

Hal began to unsnap his back pack. "Look, fellow," he said, "maybe this Bingo can take me apart, but he sure can't scare me. I'm not very big, but I have my own way of taking care of myself. Now I came up here to work so how about cutting the nonsense and putting me on?"

Charlie shrugged. "Okay, it's your funeral. Come on over to the bunk house."

On the way over Hal couldn't resist asking the question that had been bothering him. "Say, er—what's Bingo got against red hair anyway?"

"Been waiting for that," Charlie told him. "Seems like the only time Bingo ever lost a fight was to a redhead. Ever since then it's been his pet peeve."

After Hal had found himself a bunk, Charlie assigned him to the crew in the north section, keeping him as far from Bingo as possible. But news traveled fast, and when one of the loggers mentioned to Bingo that there was a redhead working in camp, he sank his ax handle deep into a fallen pine.

"Redhead!" he yelled. "Why, I'll break every bone in his body! Where is he? That—that . . ." Some of the boys cooled him down, but he nearly couldn't wait for chow time to get hold of the redhead.

Bingo got his chance soon enough. He spotted Hal on the porch of the cook shack and went after him with a roar, his huge hands outstretched, ready to tear him to bits. Nobody stepped in to stop them, for Bingo would have tossed him aside like a pebble; all anyone could do was watch.

Nobody quite saw what happened. Bingo's arms swept down, but Hal wasn't there, and the momentum of his lunge took him through the railing. He picked himself out of the wreckage and charged again, but the same thing happened. Hal would duck and jump, never moving far, but always escaping those hands. It wasn't long before Bingo wound up crashing into the cook shack, so tired he couldn't get up. There was a roar of laughter, and the men filed into the mess hall, led by the grinning Hal.

But Bingo wasn't through. After dinner he tried again, but Hal led him a merry chase, and he found himself sitting in the water trough. Before long it got to be a big joke around camp, but it wasn't funny to Bingo. He vowed the first time he got his hands on that little redhead he'd eat him, piece by piece.

A whole month went by with Bingo's becoming

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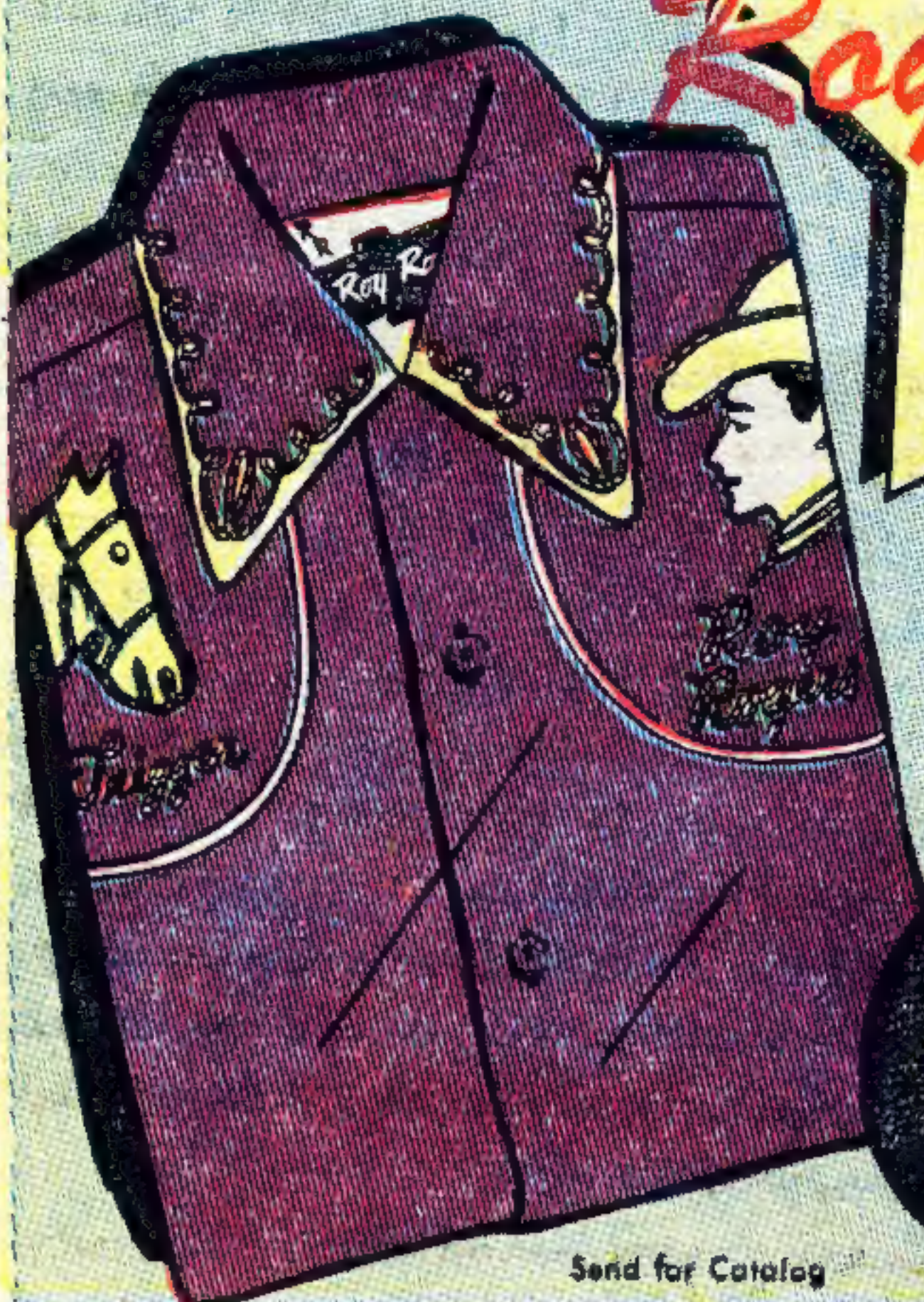


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angrier and angrier and always getting the worst of it, but he knew that, tricky as Hal was, some day he'd slip, and that would be the end of a very annoying red-headed character. But for Bingo that day was long in coming. Hal seemed to have eyes in the back of his head and was more slippery than a cake of soap. Bingo could never quite catch up with him.

It was the time of season when all the crews were working in the same section, sliding the accumulated logs into the river, rushing them downstream to the mills. The water was a floating platform of pine, bubbling in the rapids. Men were careful where they stepped, for to fall into that churning mass meant certain death.

Charlie was entering numbers in his tally book when a shout arose from down river. In a second it was taken up and relayed back to him. Log jam! Tons of cut timber piling up behind logs that had gotten caught in the bend of the river. Charlie was on his feet shouting out orders, but Bingo had already grabbed the dynamite and was skidding down the bank toward the jam. It was a one man job, one in which Bingo was an expert, but even so the men stood by anxiously, waiting to see him set the charge and return safely. Charlie saw Hal standing close to the water, tense.

Carefully Bingo crawled over the mountain of logs, chose his spot and worked in the sticks of dynamite. He cut the fuse, then put a match to it, waiting for it to catch. Like a cat, he bounded away, heading for the shore.

But suddenly he slipped. His foot went in between two huge logs and threw him. Someone gasped, waiting for him to get up; then it became apparent to all that he was caught fast. And there was nothing that could be done, because in thirty seconds that dynamite was going to go off!

Hal didn't lose a second. He grabbed a pole and racing across the timber, hearing the men scream warnings to him, but never stopping. Speed was essential—and he knew he had speed. His legs were blurs of motion as he leaped from log to log. Bingo tried to wave him back until he recognized him. Then, seeing that that wouldn't

stop him, he grinned and made clutching motions with his hands.

"I got you now, redhead!" His laugh reached across the water.

Hal stopped counting the seconds and raised the pole. "Touch me and I'll bean you, so help me!" Bingo dropped his hands. In a moment Hal had the pole between the logs and forced his weight against it. Bingo jerked his foot out. Quickly, Hal reached down and yanked Bingo to his feet, helping him across the logs.

They had almost made it when the dynamite blew. The logs spilled out in a great flowering burst, throwing water and giant splinters of wood everywhere. Hal felt himself go, felt the water grabbing at him. Something smashed into his head, and he went under, but not before a ham-like fist had fastened into his collar.

The men were out on the logs, reaching for the two in the water, dragging them to the safety of the shore. Hal's unconscious body was passed from man to man until it was on the bank. Charlie examined him carefully, but couldn't find anything more than a good-sized bump on the head.

The men sighed with relief. Then Hal opened his eyes very slowly, groaning when he felt his head. Suddenly his face grew tense. "Bingo! Where is that big lug? If he finds me stretched out here, he'll get me for sure!"

The laugh that rose puzzled him, then scared him silly, for the loudest laugh of all was coming from right above him. Slowly he raised his eyes—his head was resting on Bingo's lap!

"Take it easy, pal," Bingo grinned. "I'm not going to eat you after all. I just found out that redheads don't agree with my appetite!" Then his voice changed, and his eyes narrowed in mock anger. "But if you don't tell me how you got away from me for so long, I'm going to take a taste of you anyway!"

Hal settled back with a smile. "Bingo," he said, "I come from a family of nine boys, and I was always the smallest. Well, since I couldn't fight those big brothers of mine, I got to be the best and quickest dodger they ever saw!"

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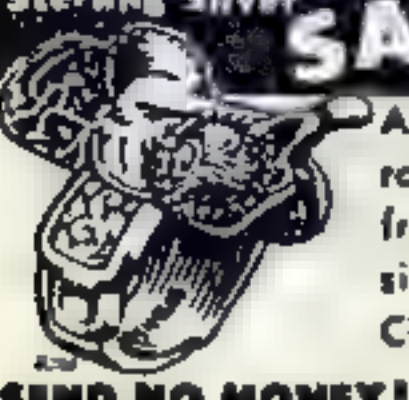
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"JUSTICE RIDES THE RANGE!"

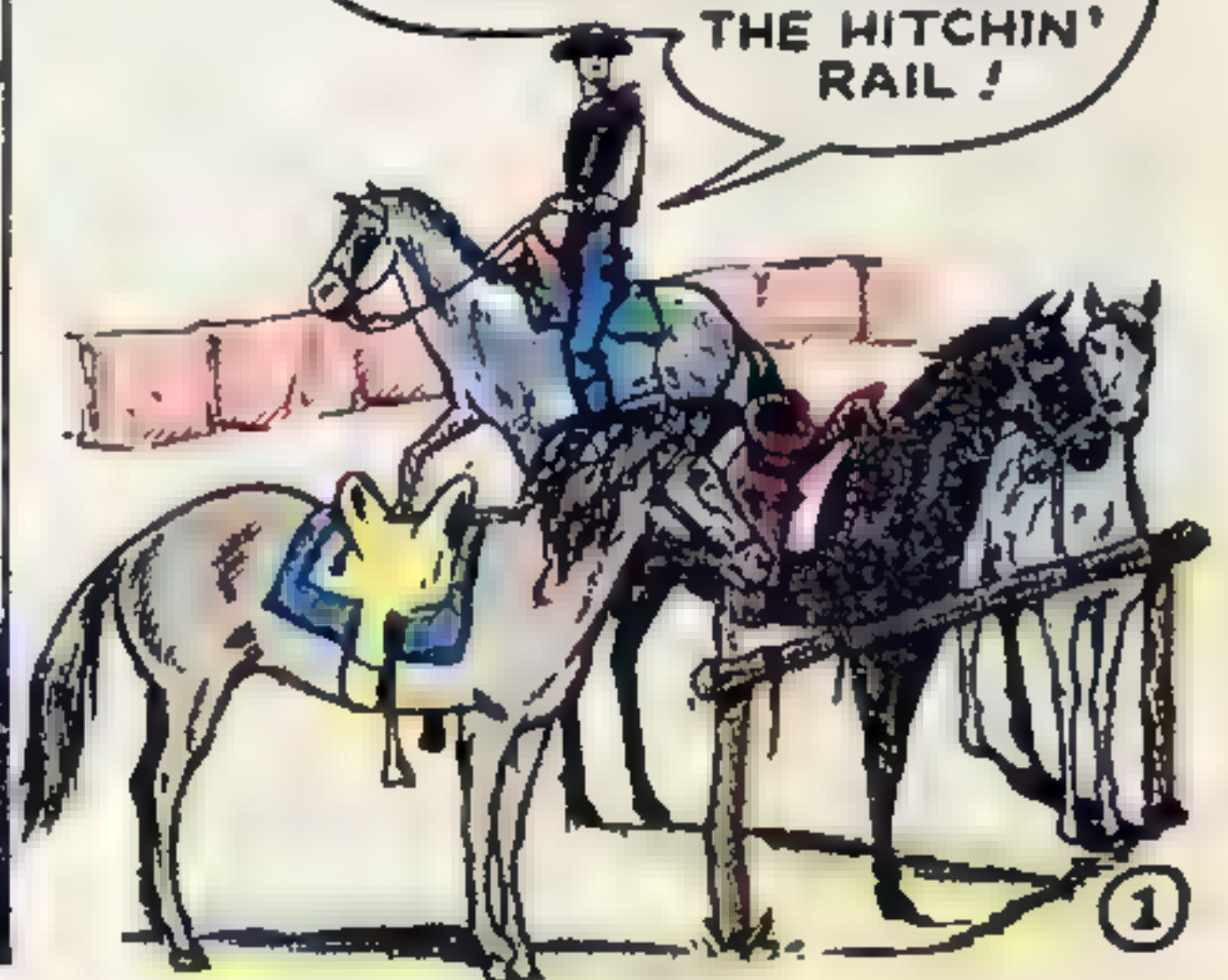
WHEN MASKED GUNMEN GET THE DROP, THERE IS NO OTHER COURSE BUT TO RAISE YOUR HANDS, AND GIVE AWAY YOUR MONEY! AND THIS SCENE IN A SMALL WESTERN BANK IS MERELY A DUPLICATE OF SIMILAR ROBBERIES, FOR THE DESPERADO IS AT HIS PEAK ON THE FRONTIER...

AT THAT MOMENT, THE SYMBOL OF LAW AND ORDER, THE VOICE OF AUTHORITY... THE SHERIFF... COMES ALONG ON HIS DAILY ROUNDS!

DON'T NOBODY MAKE A MOVE! HAND OVER THE MONEY SACKS AN' KEEP YER MOUTHS SHUT!

YEAH! WE'LL DISH OUT LEAD TO THE FIRST MAN WHO MAKES A WRONG MOVE!

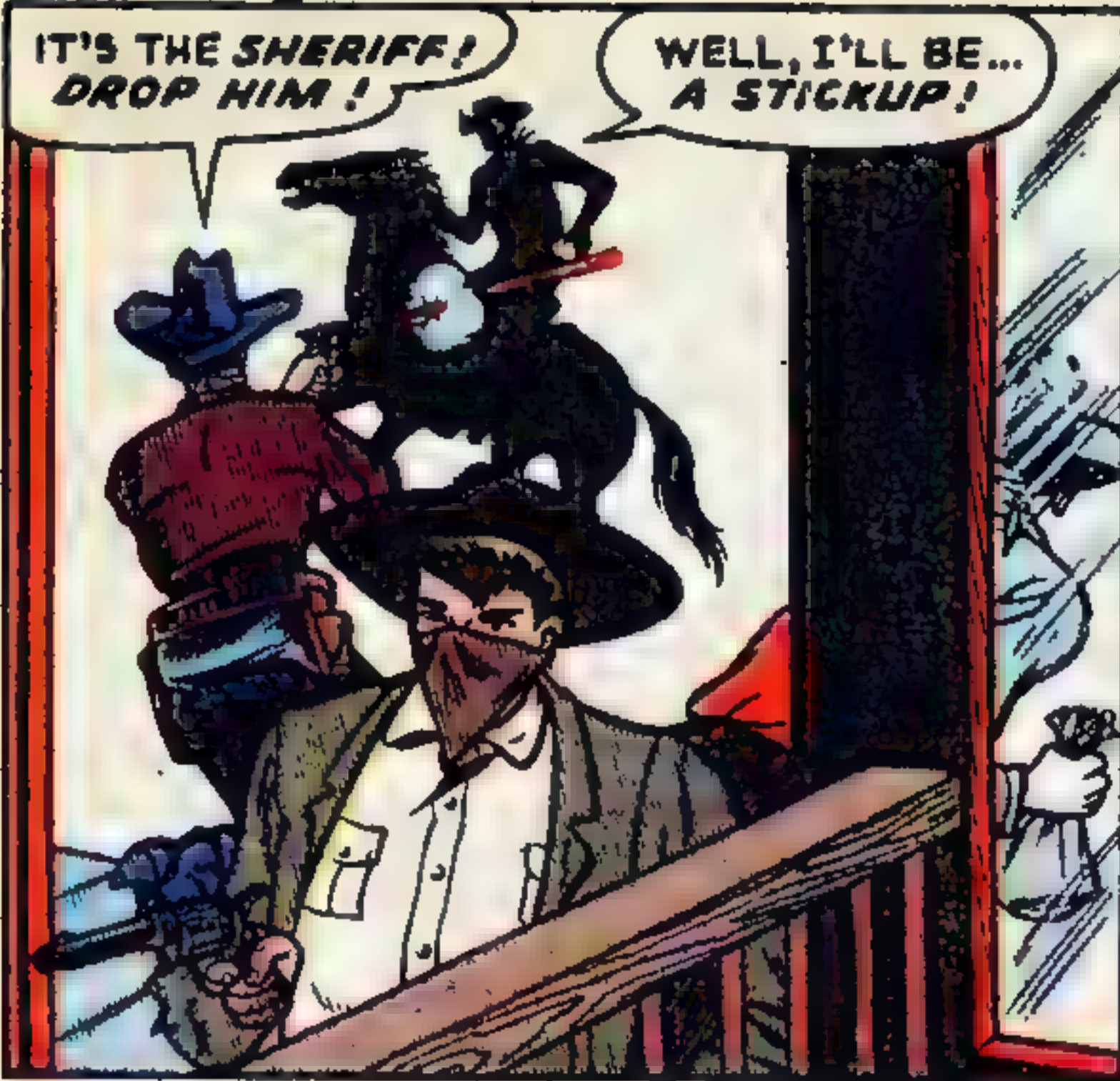
RECKON THERE'S A BIG CROWD AT THE BANK... QUITE A FEW HOSSES AT THE HITCHIN' RAIL!



SUDDENLY...

IT'S THE SHERIFF!
DROP HIM!

WELL, I'LL BE...
A STICKUP!



THERE IS A RAPID EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE. AS BLAZE CARSON WHIPS OUT HIS HEAVY-CALIBRED REVOLVERS INTO DEADLY ACTION! TWO OF THE BANDITS FALL UNDER THE ACCURATE HAIL OF HIS BULLETS, WHILE THE THIRD BOLTS FOR HIS HORSE, AS YET UNHARMED!



THE REMAINING BANDIT GALLOPS AWAY, HIS SIX-SHOOTER BLAZING!

YOU'LL
NEVER
GET
ME!



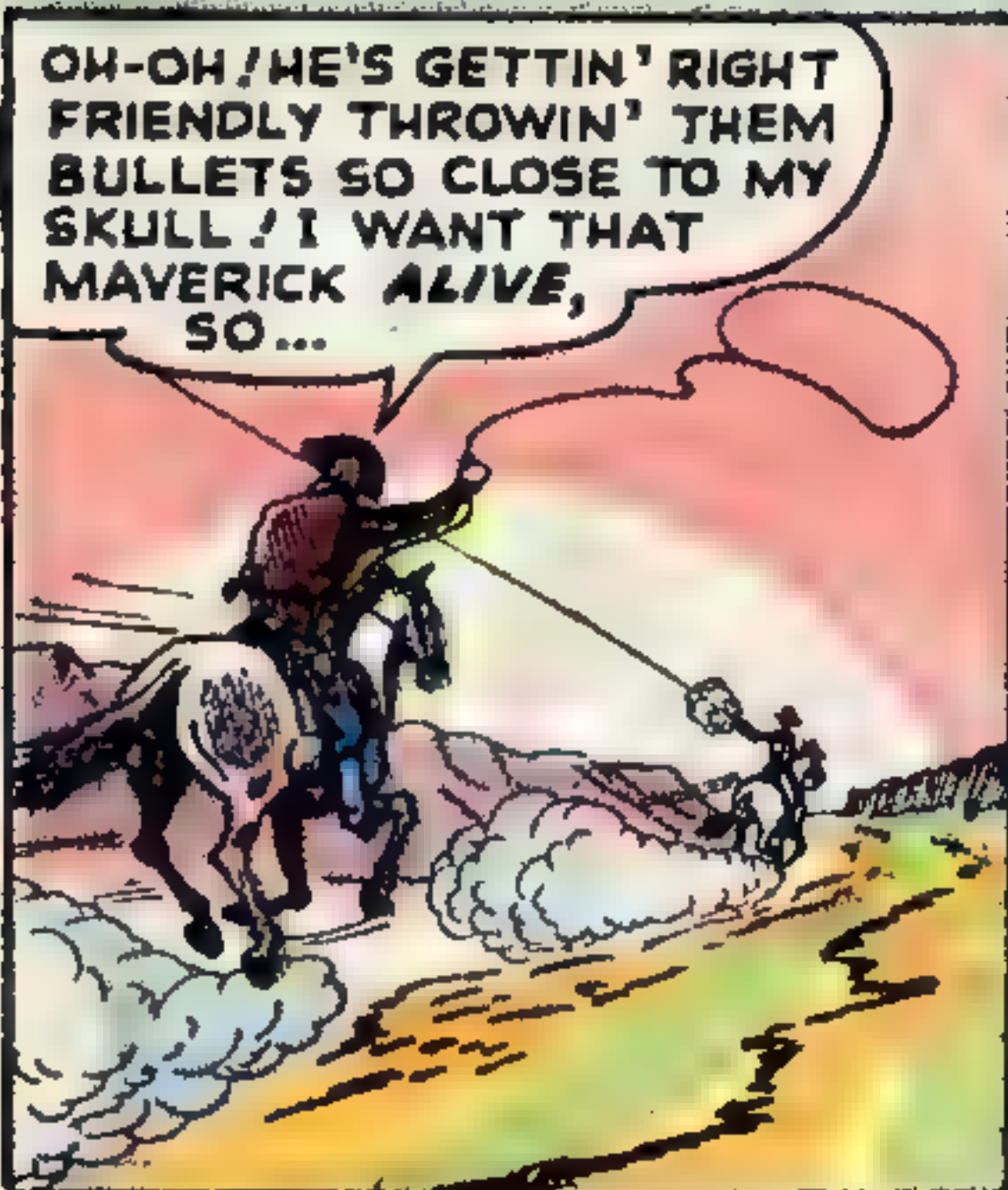
QUICK, FORM A POSSE!
I'M GOIN' AFTER THAT
HOMBRE! MOVE! PRONTO!

OKAY, SHERIFF!
WE'LL BE RIGHT
BEHIND YOU!



STRAINING HIS DAPPLE GRAY MARE TO THE LIMIT, THE SHERIFF PULLS UP CLOSE TO THE FLEEING BANDIT, WHEN...

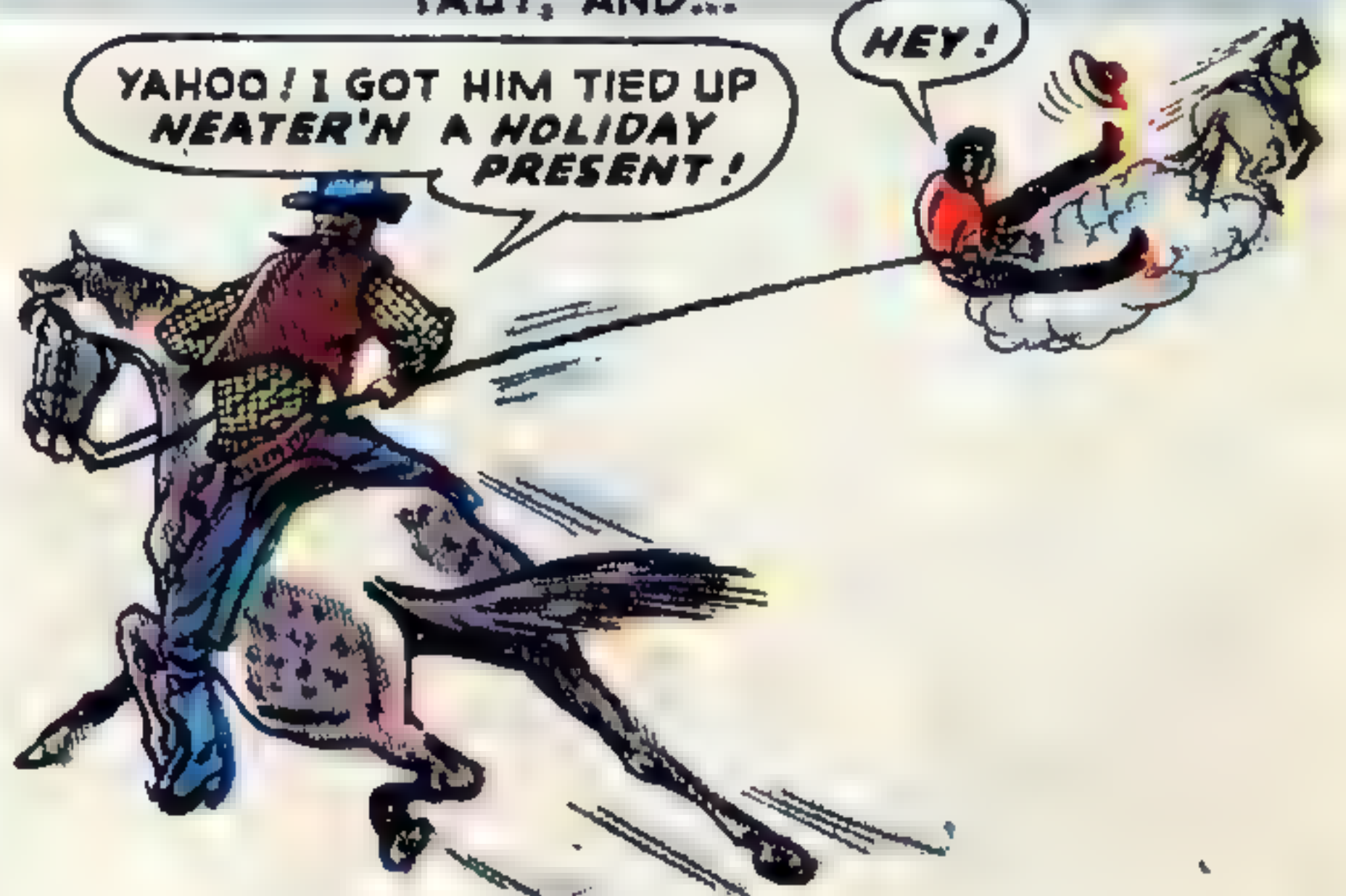
OH-OH! HE'S GETTIN' RIGHT
FRIENDLY THROWIN' THEM
BULLETS SO CLOSE TO MY
SKULL! I WANT THAT
MAVERICK ALIVE,
SO...



THE LARIAT UNCOILS AND SETTLES UNERRINGLY OVER THE BANDIT'S SHOULDERS! THE SHERIFF'S MARE STOPS DEAD AT A TOUCH ON THE REINS! THE ROPE STRETCHES TAUT, AND...

YAHOO! I GOT HIM TIED UP
NEATER'N A HOLIDAY
PRESENT!

HEY!



HOLD STILL, WADDY, *HOLD STILL!* THIS .44 DOESN'T SHOOT BLANKS... AS YOUR TWO PARTNERS ALREADY KNOW!

IF IT WASN'T FOR THIS ROPE, I'D...

JUST LET ME GET MY SHOOTIN' IRON, AND I'LL...

RECKON I'LL HAVE A LOOK AT YOUR FACE BEFORE THE POSSE ARRIVES!

AIN'T YOU NED MACKEY'S BOY, JOE?

YEAH!
SO WHAT?

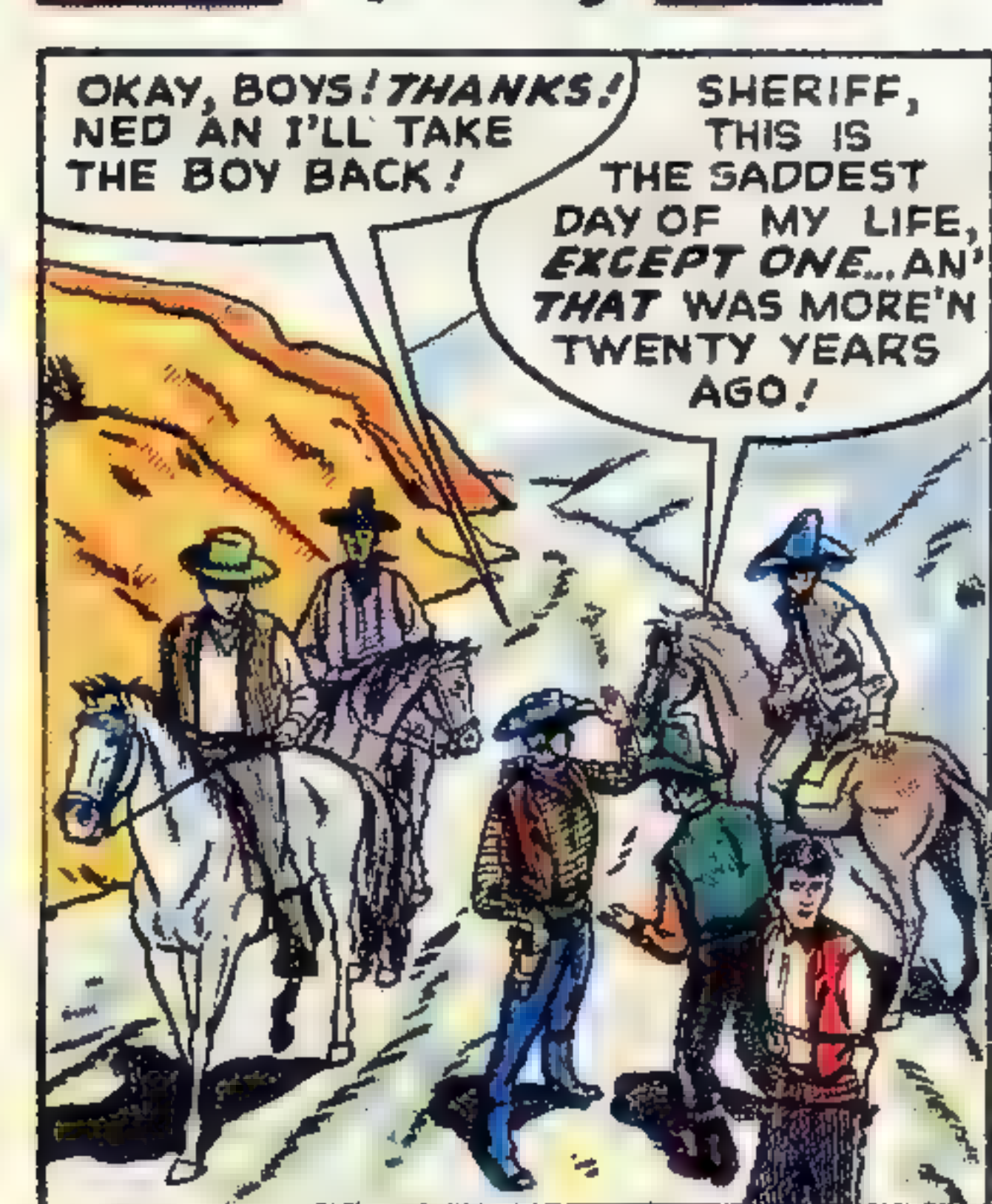
I'VE KNOWN YOUR PAW FOR MORE'N THIRTY YEARS... LONG BEFORE YOU WERE BORN! YEAH, AN' I KNEW YOUR MAW, TOO... A FINE UPSTANDIN' WOMAN! NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO SEE THE DAY WHEN I HAD TO *ARREST NED'S SON!*

HA! HA! YOU DON'T FOOL ME NONE WITH THAT SOB STUFF! SURE I'M BAD! I'M *TOUGH!* YOU AIN'T SHAMIN' ME NONE, SHERIFF!

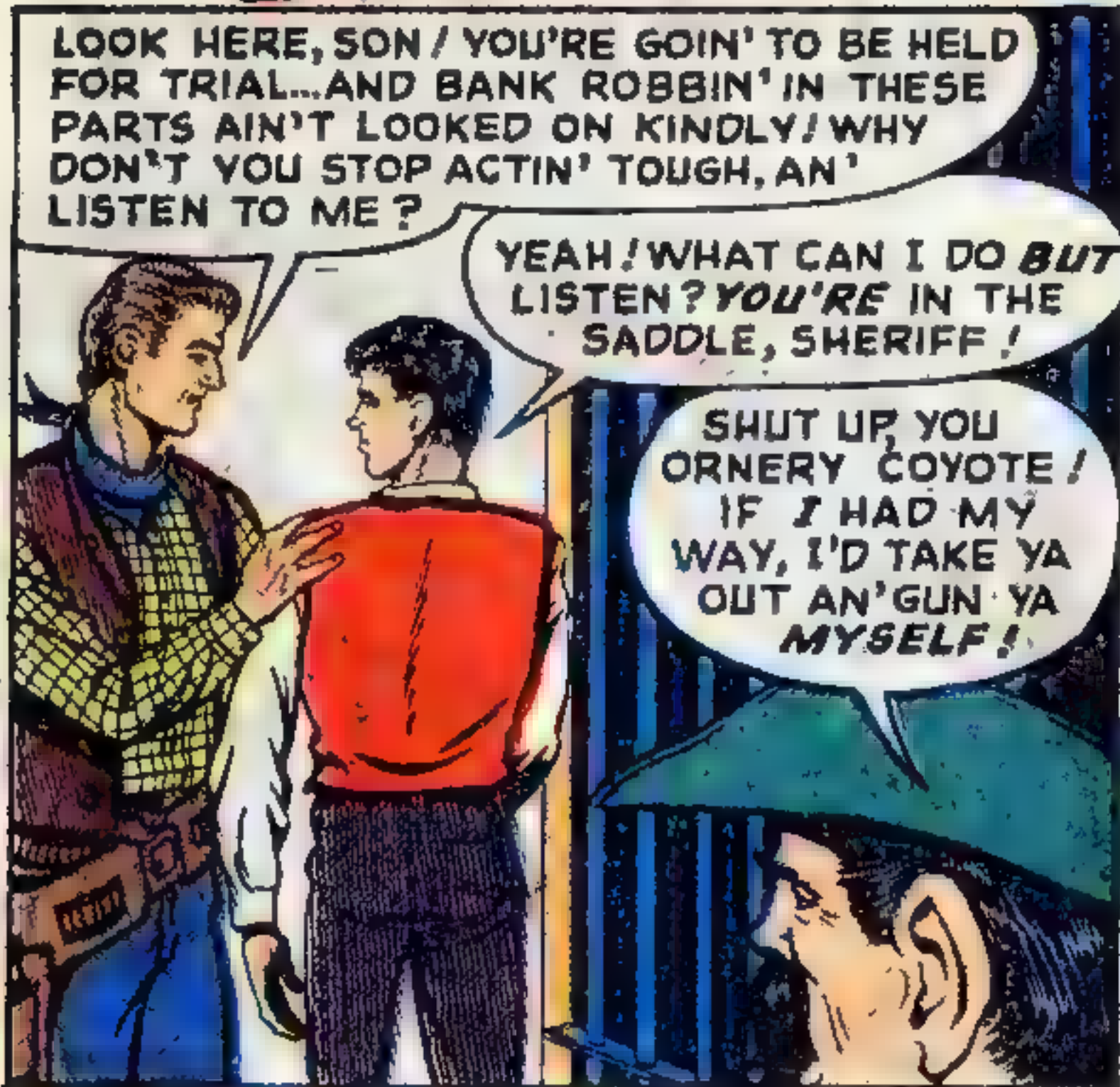
LISTEN, YOU YOUNG FOOL... OH, NOW HERE'S THE *POSSE!*

HOWDY, SHERIFF! I SEE YA NABBED HIM! LET'S GIT A LOOK AT THE *VARMINT!*

NED MACKEY! WHY'D YOU HAVE TO COME?



LATER, AT THE JAIL...



LOOK HERE, SON / YOU'RE GOIN' TO BE HELD FOR TRIAL...AND BANK ROBBIN' IN THESE PARTS AIN'T LOOKED ON KINDLY / WHY DON'T YOU STOP ACTIN' TOUGH, AN' LISTEN TO ME ?

YEAH! WHAT CAN I DO *BUT* LISTEN? YOU'RE IN THE SADDLE, SHERIFF!

SHUT UP, YOU ORNERY COYOTE! IF I HAD MY WAY, I'D TAKE YA OUT AN' GUN YA MYSELF!



JOE, I'M GOIN' TO TELL YOU THE STORY OF TWO BROTHERS WHO LIVED RIGHT HERE IN THIS TOWN!

KEEP OUT OF THIS, NED! THERE'RE THINGS THAT *CAN'T* STAY BURIED!

NO, SHERIFF! LET THE PAST STAY DEAD!

"YEARS AGO THERE WERE TWO BROTHERS LIVIN' IN THIS TOWN, AN' BOTH OF THEM COURTED THE SAME GIRL..."

IT'S HARDLY FAIR! THERE'S SO LITTLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU, I DON'T KNOW *WHICH* OF YOU TO GO WITH TO THE DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT! GUESS I'LL GO WITH *BOTH* OF YOU!

FAIR ENOUGH, MISS CONNIE!

THAT'S OKAY WITH *ME*, TOO!



GOOD NIGHT, BOYS! I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW NIGHT!

G'NIGHT, CONNIE!

SWEET DREAMS!



"AS THE TWO BROTHERS STROLLED ALONG THE DARK STREET..."

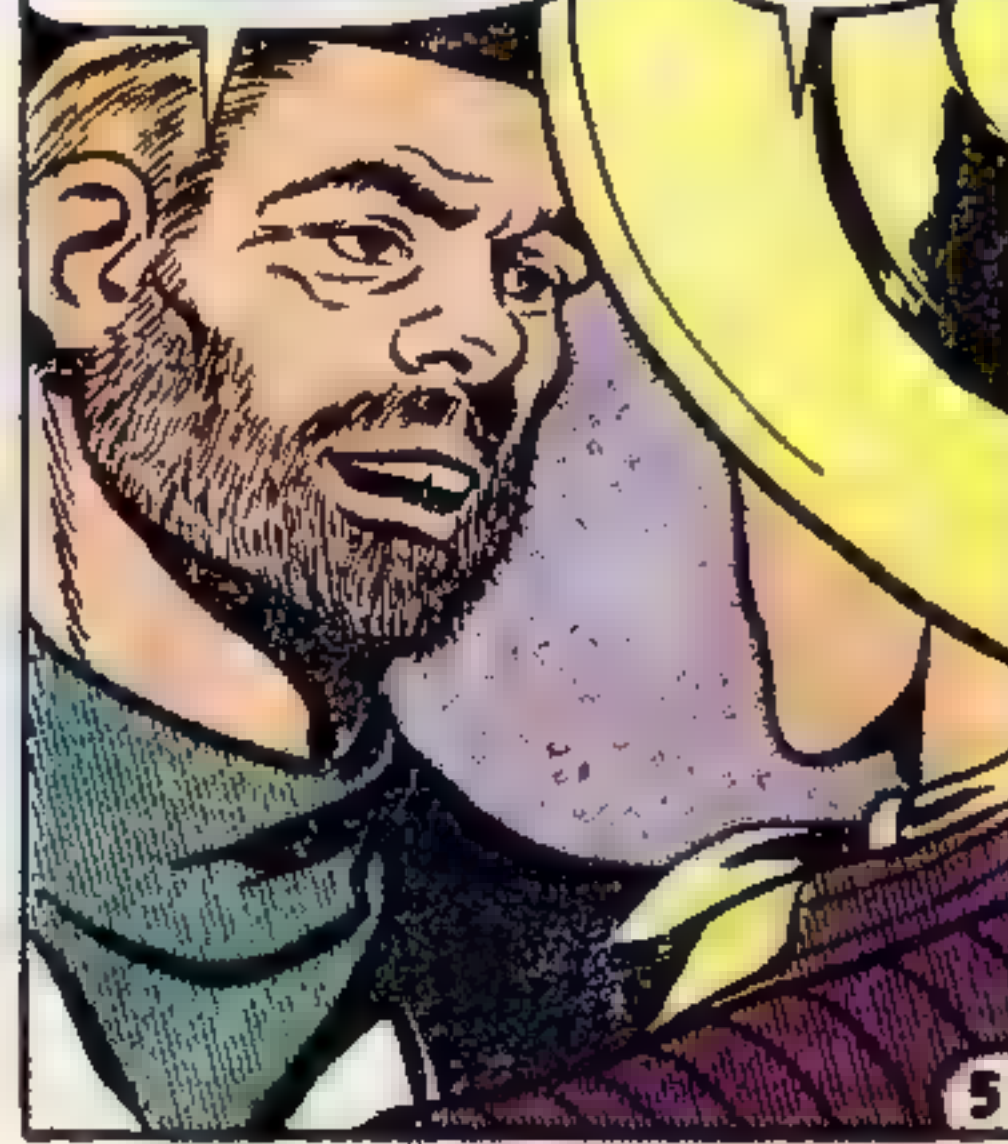
HEY, *AL!* *YOU!* WHAT THE BLAZES ARE *YOU* DOIN' IN TOWN?

NOW LISTEN CLOSE! I DON'T WANT ANYBODY ELSE TO HEAR! WE'RE GITTIN' THE STAGE WEDNESDAY! KANSAS HAS IT ALL SET! ARE YOU IN?

YOU *BET* I AM! I WOULDN'T MISS *THIS* ONE FER A *MILLION!*

OKAY THEN, KANSAS WANTS TO SEE YOU TONIGHT! HE'S AT PANHANDLE PASS! I'LL RIDE WITH YOU TONIGHT, AN' WE'LL CAMP OUT UNTIL WEDNESDAY!

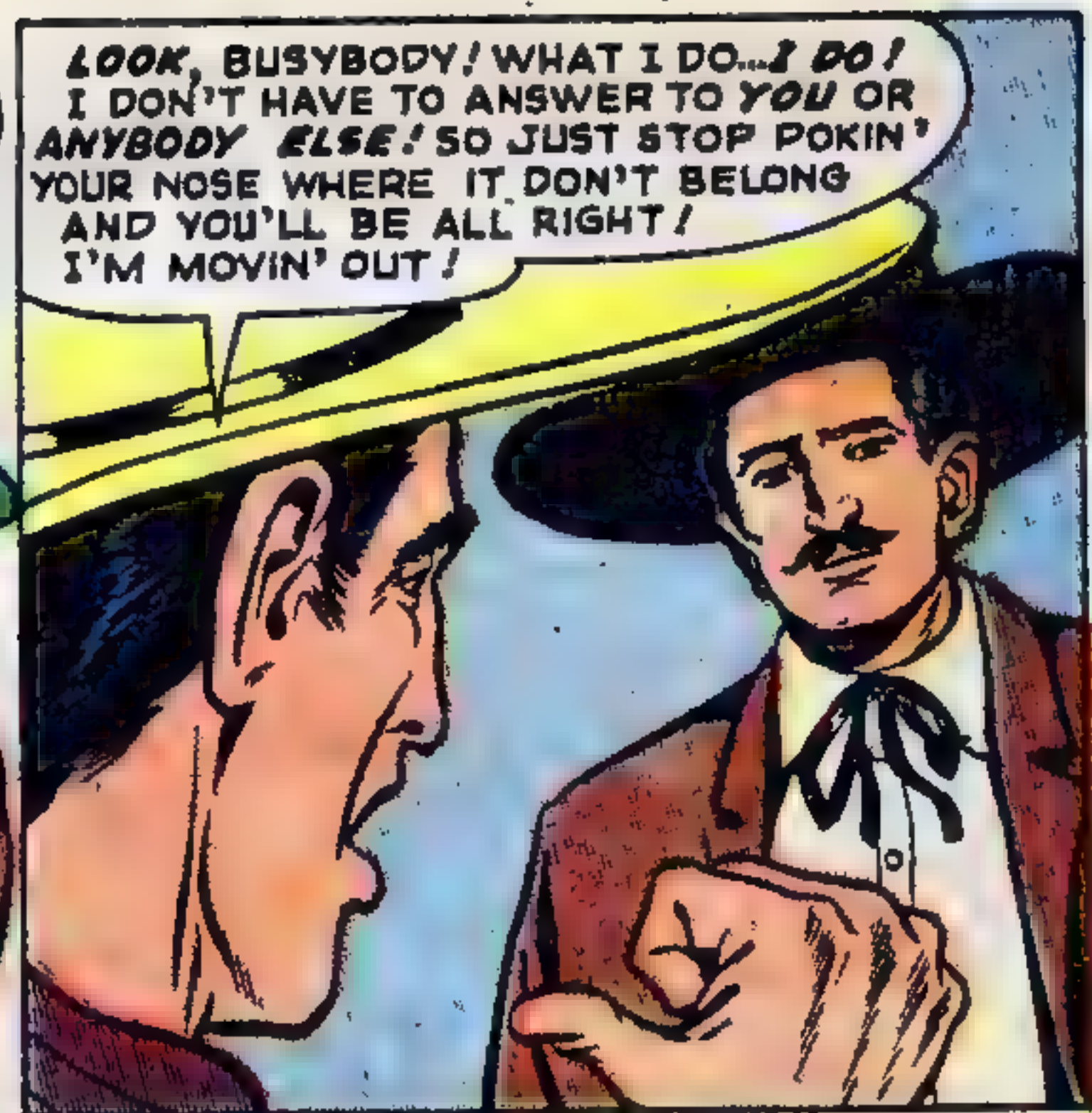
RIGHT!





I GUESS CONNIE'S ALL YOURS FOR THE DANCE / I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE TOWN ON BUSINESS, PARDNER... **IMPORTANT BUSINESS!**

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, AL, BUT I **SURE DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THAT HOMBRE!** WHY NOT **TELL ME ABOUT IT?**



LOOK, BUSYBODY! WHAT I DO...I DO! I DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER TO YOU OR ANYBODY ELSE! SO JUST STOP POKIN' YOUR NOSE WHERE IT DON'T BELONG AND YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT! I'M MOVIN' OUT!

SO AL LEFT! HE WAS A HOT-TEMPERED BOY...QUICK TO ANGER, QUICK TO INJURE THOSE WHO LOVED HIM MOST / AND THE NEXT NIGHT, AT THE DANCE...

THAT'S AWFUL PECULIAR ABOUT AL LEAVIN' SO SUDDEN!

THAT'S HOW IT IS, CONNIE! HE'S ALWAYS TAKIN' OFF! UH... CONNIE, I HAVE A STEADY JOB NOW! I'M RIDIN' ON THE STAGE...**STARTIN' WEDNESDAY!**



IT'S WONDERFUL! YOU KNOW I'M GOIN' TO VISIT MY AUNT OVER FORT BENSON WAY...SO I'LL BE RIDIN' THE STAGE WEDNESDAY, TOO! WHY, YOU'LL BE GUARDIN' ME!

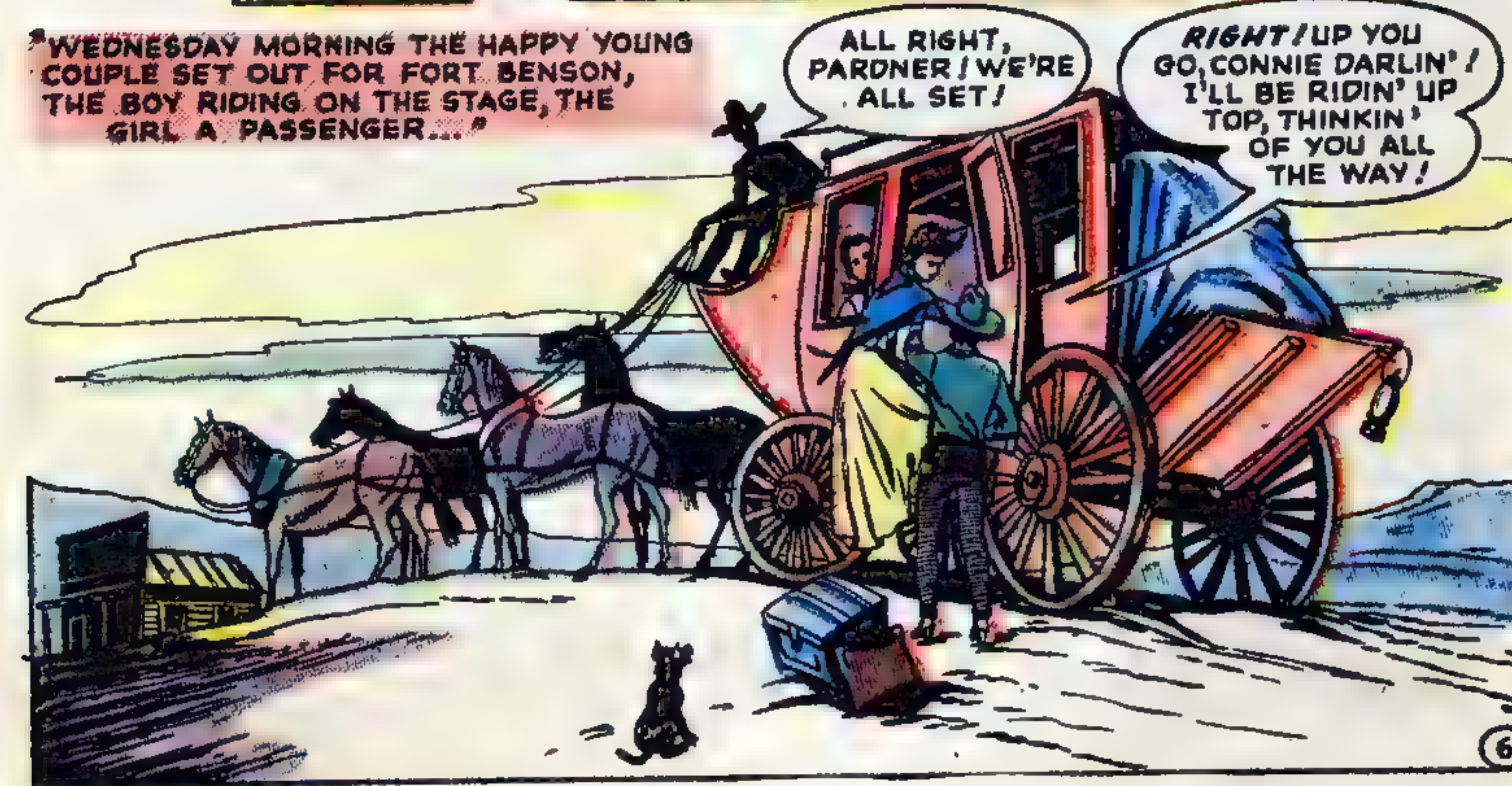


HONEY, PLEASE LET ME GUARD YOU FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES! WILL YOU MARRY ME?

OH, DARLING! I WAS WAITING FOR YOU TO ASK ME! I **KNEW** IT WAS YOU ALL THE TIME!



WEDNESDAY MORNING THE HAPPY YOUNG COUPLE SET OUT FOR FORT BENSON, THE BOY RIDING ON THE STAGE, THE GIRL A PASSENGER...



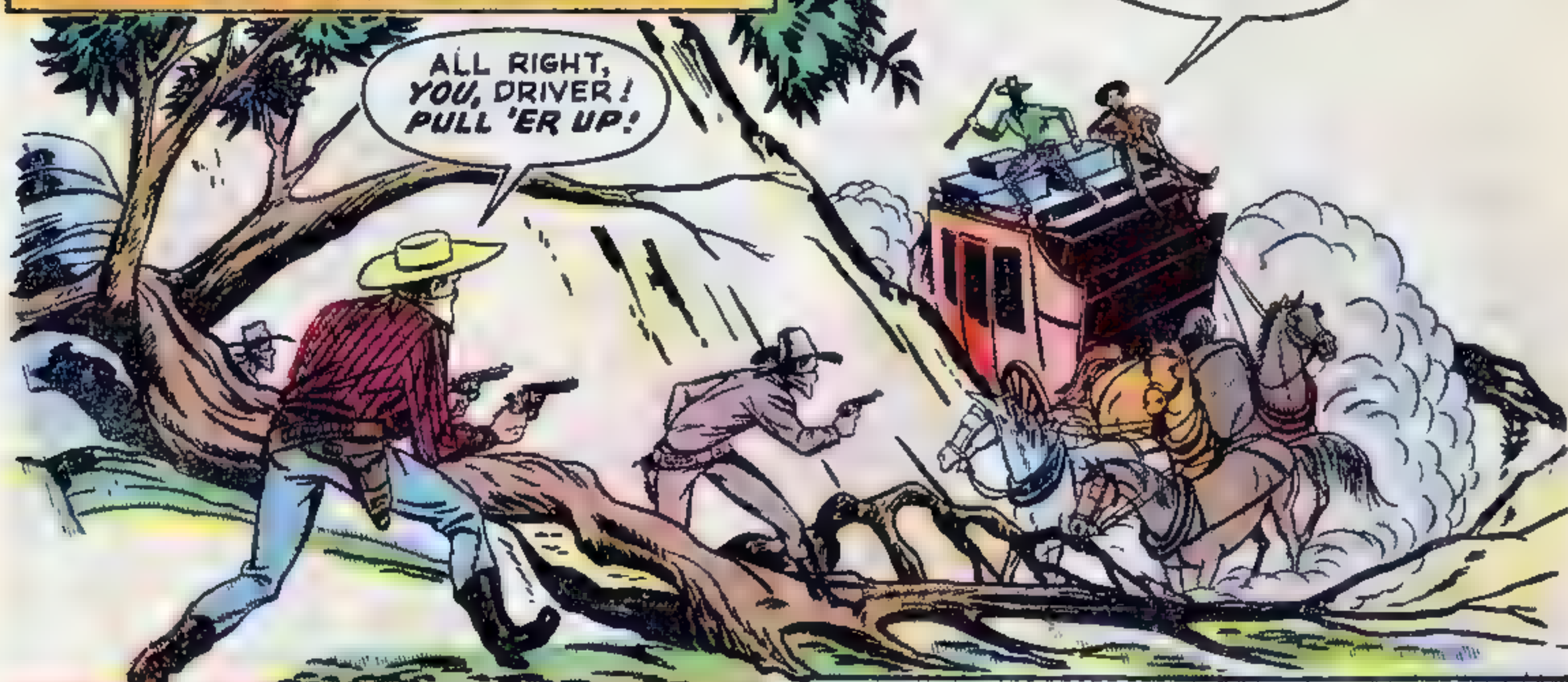
ALL RIGHT, PARDNER! WE'RE ALL SET!

RIGHT! UP YOU GO, CONNIE DARLIN'! I'LL BE RIDIN' UP TOP, THINKIN' OF YOU ALL THE WAY!

"A SHORT WAY OUT OF TOWN, THE STAGE CAME TO A ROLLING STOP, AS THREE MASKED BANDITS BEHIND A ROAD BLOCK COMMANDED THE DRIVER TO HALT THE HORSES!"

ALL RIGHT,
YOU, DRIVER!
PULL 'ER UP!

YOU'RE NOT GETTIN'
AWAY WITH
THIS!



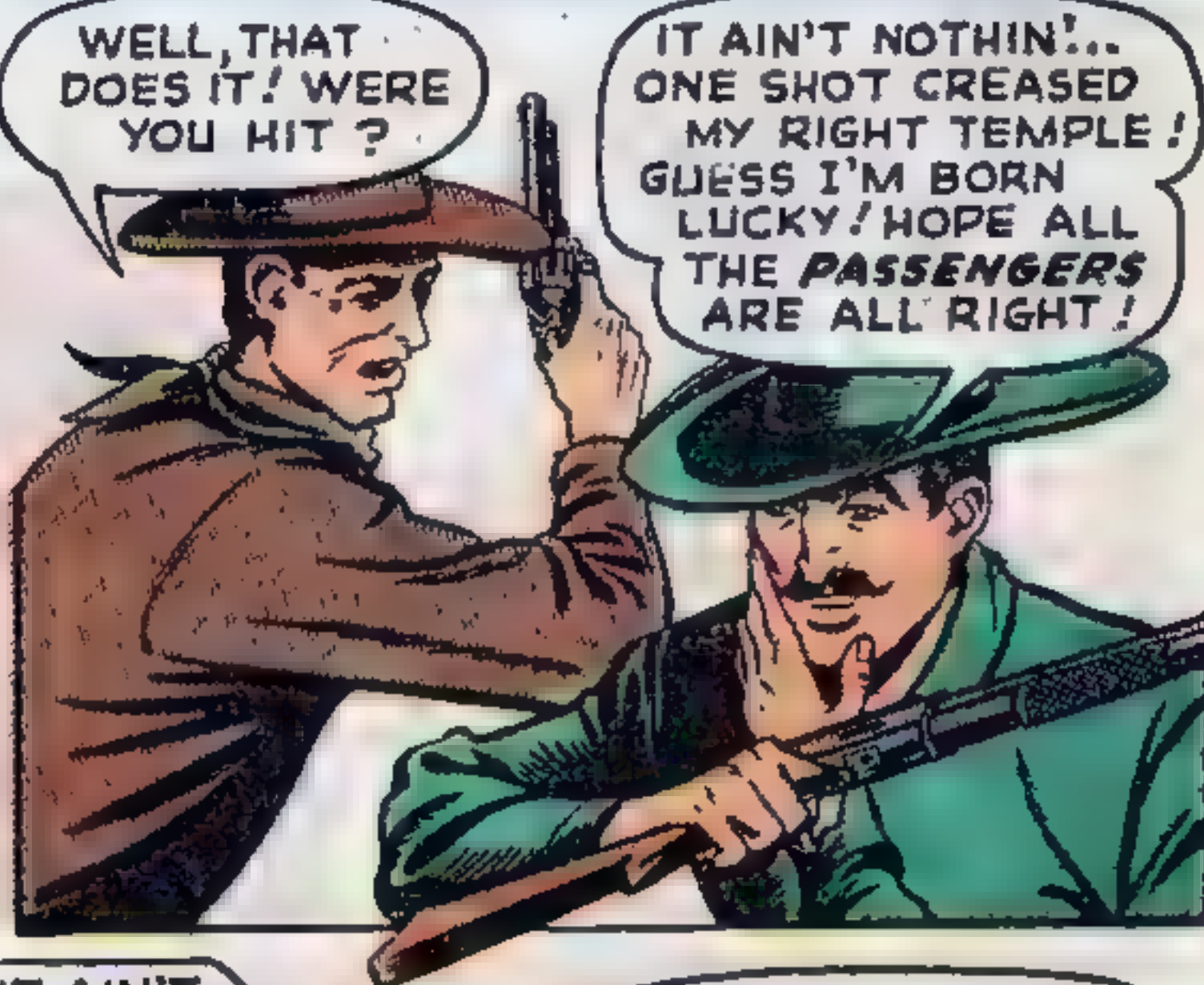
"IN THE NEXT FEW SECONDS, THERE WAS A WILD EXCHANGE OF SHOTS...AND THE HILLS ECHOED WITH THE SOUNDS OF GUN FIRE!"

"AND JUST AS SUDDENLY AS THE SHOOTING BEGAN, IT ENDED! THE TWO MEN, DRIVER AND GUARD, LOOKED AT EACH OTHER, FOR THEY WERE STILL ALIVE, BUT THEIR ASSAILANTS WERE SPRAWLED DEAD IN THE DUST..."



WELL, THAT
DOES IT! WERE
YOU HIT?

IT AIN'T NOTHIN'...
ONE SHOT CREASED
MY RIGHT TEMPLE!
GUESS I'M BORN
LUCKY! HOPE ALL
THE *PASSENGERS*
ARE ALL RIGHT!

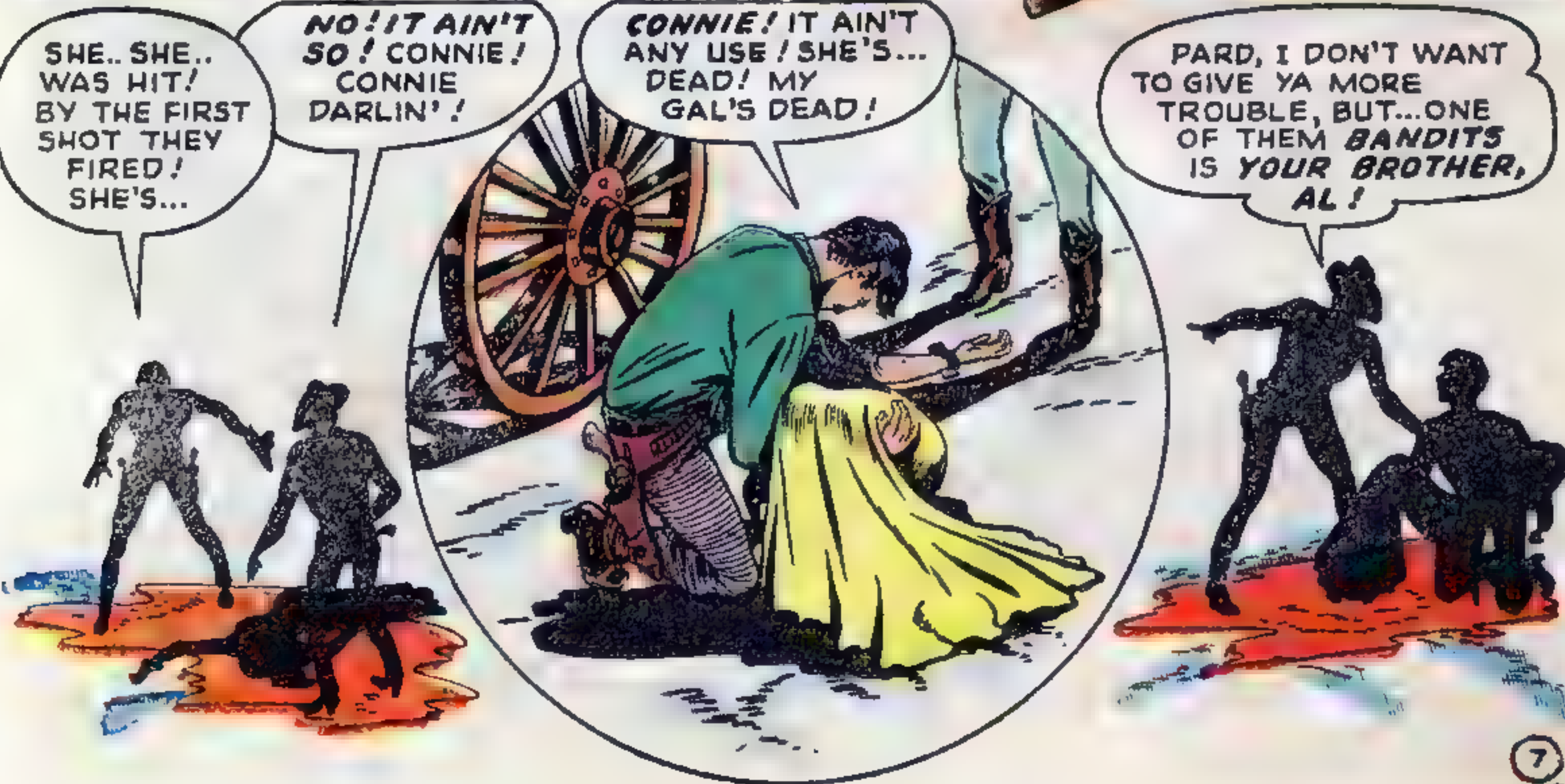


SHE.. SHE..
WAS HIT!
BY THE FIRST
SHOT THEY
FIRED!
SHE'S...

NO! IT AIN'T
SO! CONNIE!
CONNIE
DARLIN'!

CONNIE! IT AIN'T
ANY USE! SHE'S...
DEAD! MY
GAL'S DEAD!

PARD, I DON'T WANT
TO GIVE YA MORE
TROUBLE, BUT...ONE
OF THEM *BANDITS*
IS *YOUR BROTHER*,
AL!





SO? WHAT ARE YA TELLIN' ME THAT STORY FOR?

YOU'RE A FOOL, JOE... A BIG FOOL! AL WAS YOUR **UNCLE**, AND...



AN' I WAS THE **BROTHER**! YEP! I SEEN MY **OWN BROTHER** GO BAD AN' I SAW THE **GAL** I **LOVED** GIT KILLED BEFORE MY EYES! OH, I MET **YOUR MAW** YEARS LATER AN SHE WAS A **FINE WOMAN**! AN' I'M **GLAD** SHE'S **NOT ALIVE** TO SEE HER SON! YOU'RE **ROTTEN**, LIKE AL!

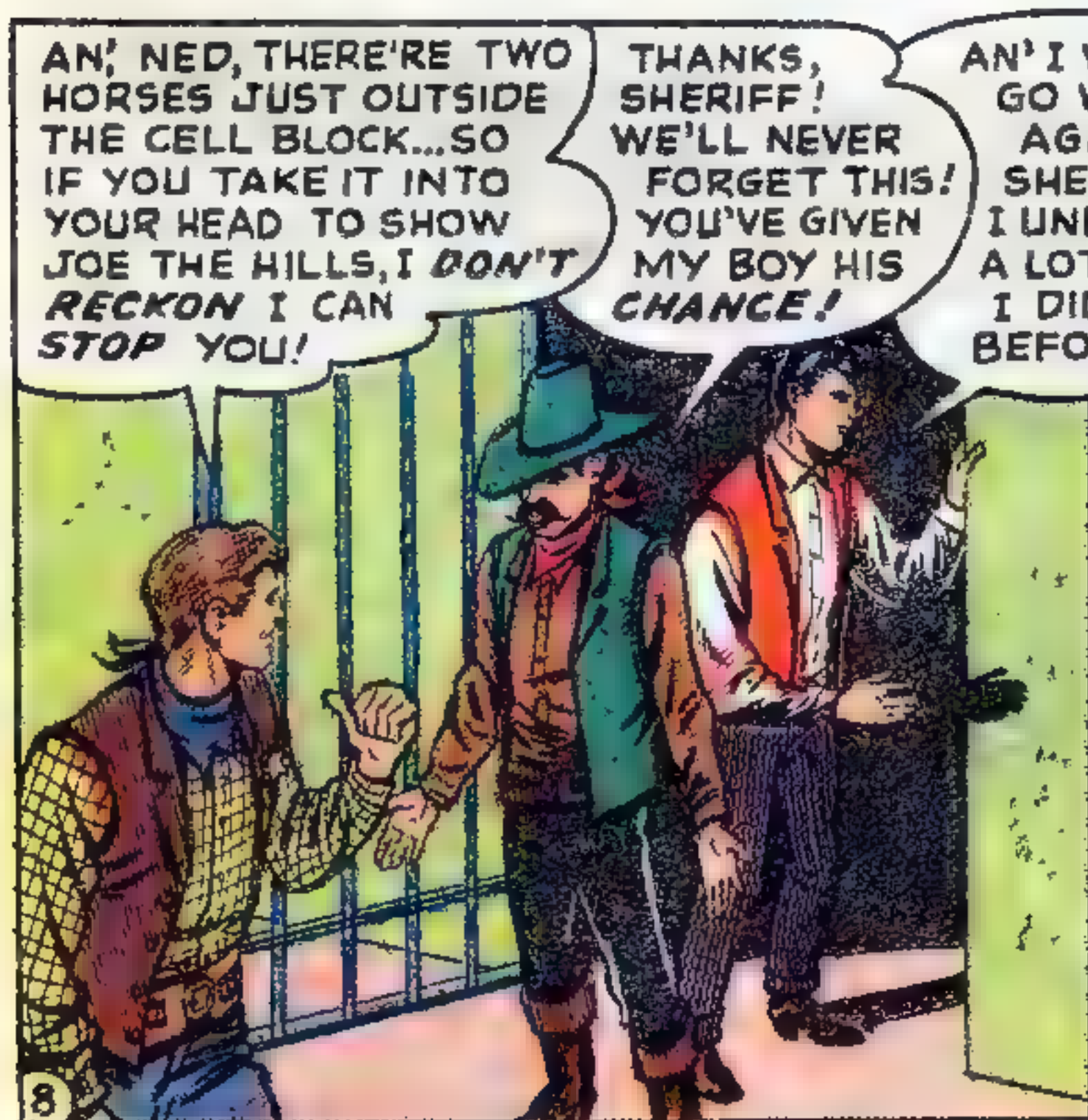


AN'...AN'...**THAT'S** THE **BULLET SCAR**! OH, **PAW**! I DUNNO WHAT TO SAY! I THOUGHT I KNEW **ALL THE ANSWERS**!

WELL, YOU **DON'T**! AN' YOU'LL PAY THE **PIPER** FOR WHAT YOU DID THIS AFTERNOON! THEY'LL SEND YA TO **JAIL**!



YOU KNOW SOMETHIN', NED? I **PLUMB** **FORGOT** TO BRING MY **KEYS** TO LOCK THIS **CELL DOOR**! I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE OFFICE FOR THEM! AN', NED, YOU KNOW... I RECKON A **BOY'S PAW** KIN DO LOTS MORE TO KEEP HIM IN LINE THAN A **JAILER**!



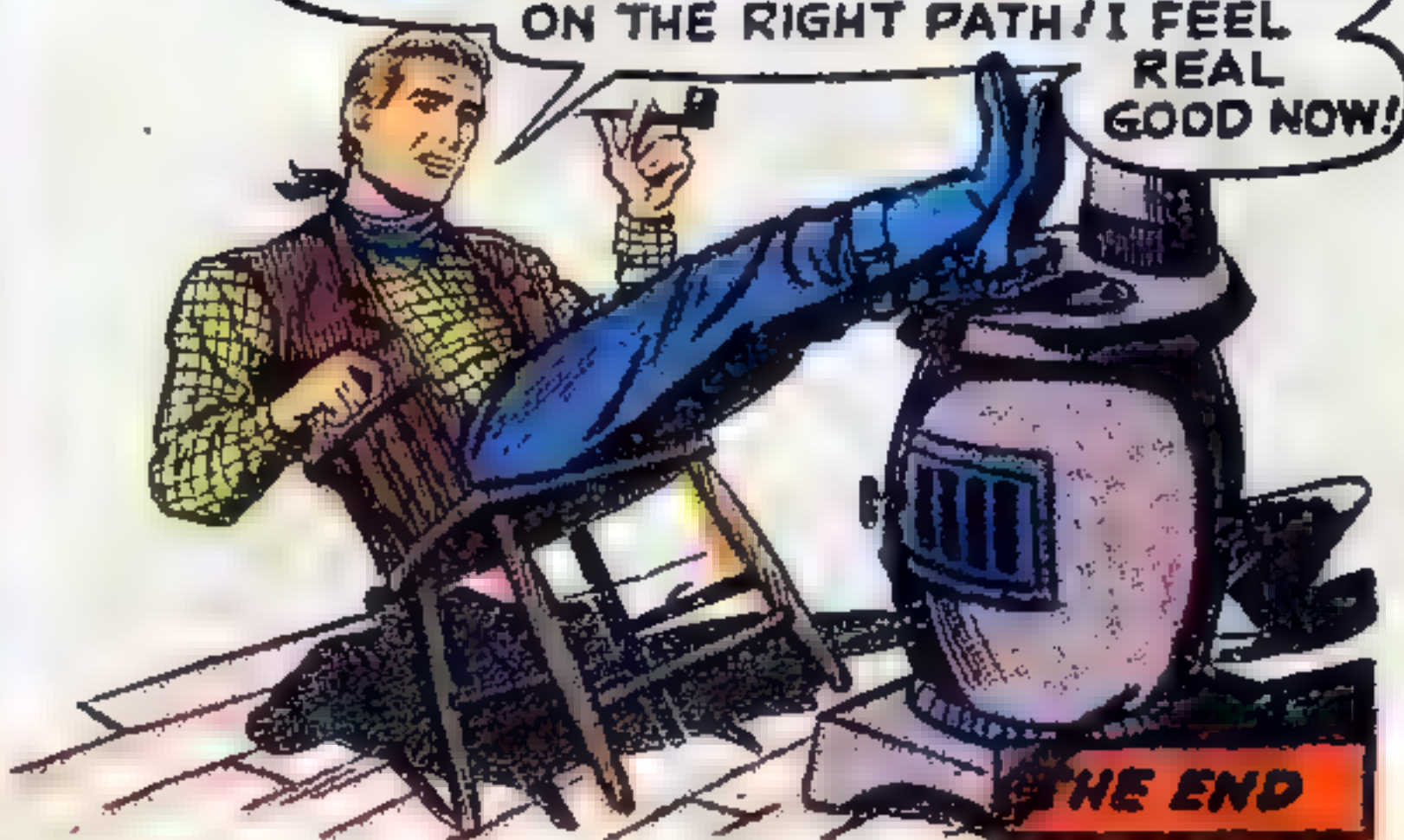
AN', NED, THERE'RE TWO HORSES JUST OUTSIDE THE CELL BLOCK...SO IF YOU TAKE IT INTO YOUR HEAD TO SHOW JOE THE HILLS, I **DON'T** RECKON I CAN **STOP** YOU!

THANKS, SHERIFF! WE'LL NEVER FORGET THIS! YOU'VE GIVEN MY BOY HIS **CHANCE**!

AN' I WON'T GO WRONG AGAIN, SHERIFF! I UNDERSTAND A LOT THAT I DIDN'T BEFORE!

A FEW MINUTES LATER, AS HE HEARS DRUMMING HOOF BEATS FADING IN THE DISTANCE, THE SHERIFF SMILES TO HIMSELF...

BEIN' A SHERIFF IS A MANY-SIDED JOB...AN' SOMETIMES I CAN HELP A MAN START A NEW LIFE RATHER THAN SHUT HIM UP IN A CELL! AN' IT MAKES A FELLER FEEL GOOD TO SET SOMEONE ON THE RIGHT PATH! I FEEL **REAL GOOD** NOW!



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(1) An airmail 5c to mark the merger of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx and Staten Island into the municipality of New York, fifty years ago.

(2) A stamp to honor the volunteer firemen of America.

(3) A stamp to mark the centenary of the establishing of Fort Kearney in Nebraska.

Meanwhile the promised 3c purple for the centennial of the first woman's rights convention at Seneca Falls, N. Y., in 1848, has been issued. This commemorative has "100 Years of Progress of Women" inscribed under portraits of Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902), Carrie Chapman Catt (1859-1947) and Lucretia Coffin Mott (1793-1880). Elizabeth Stanton and Lucretia Mott, newcomers to philately's galley, were organizers of the "votes for women" movement at Seneca Falls.

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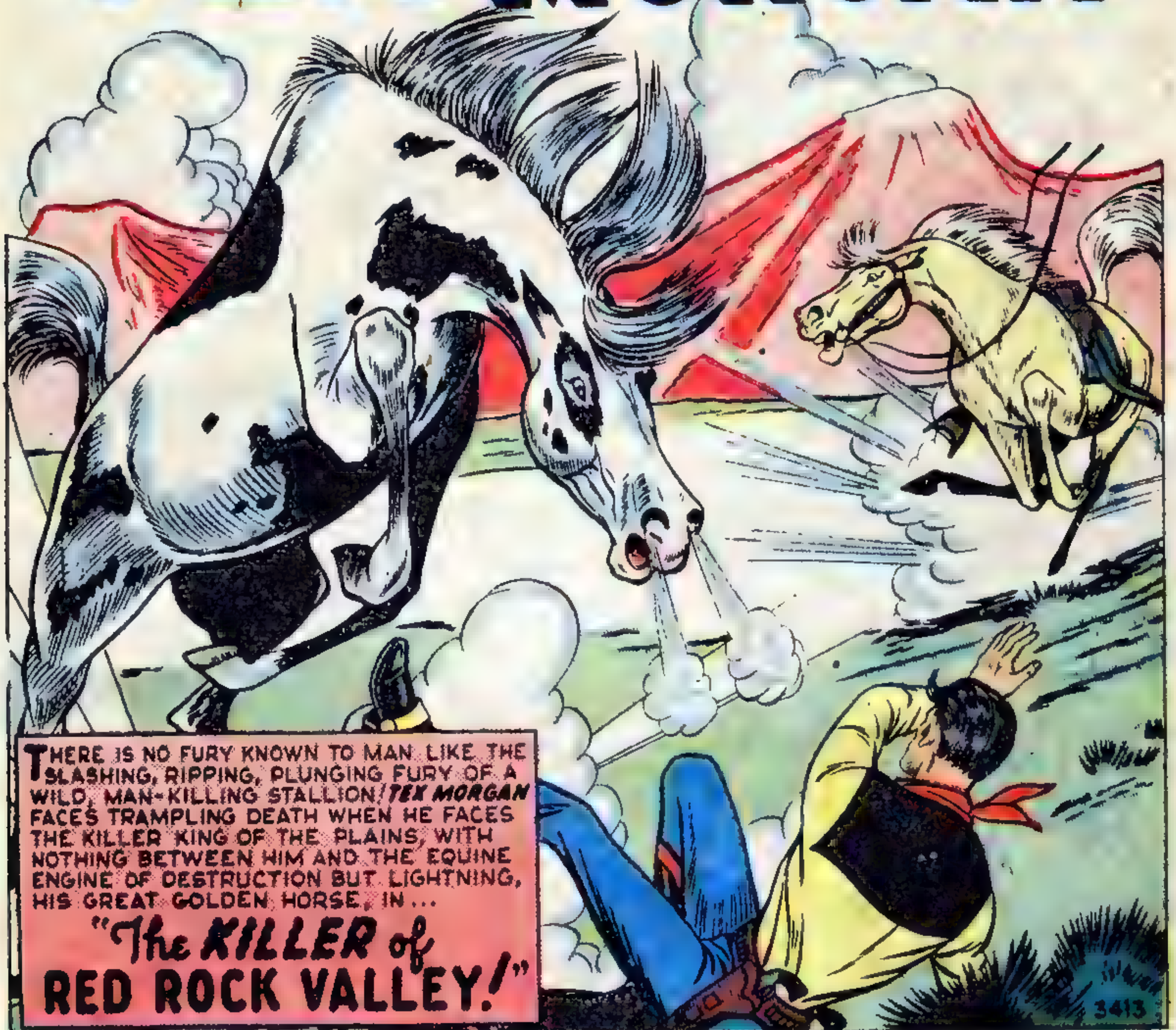
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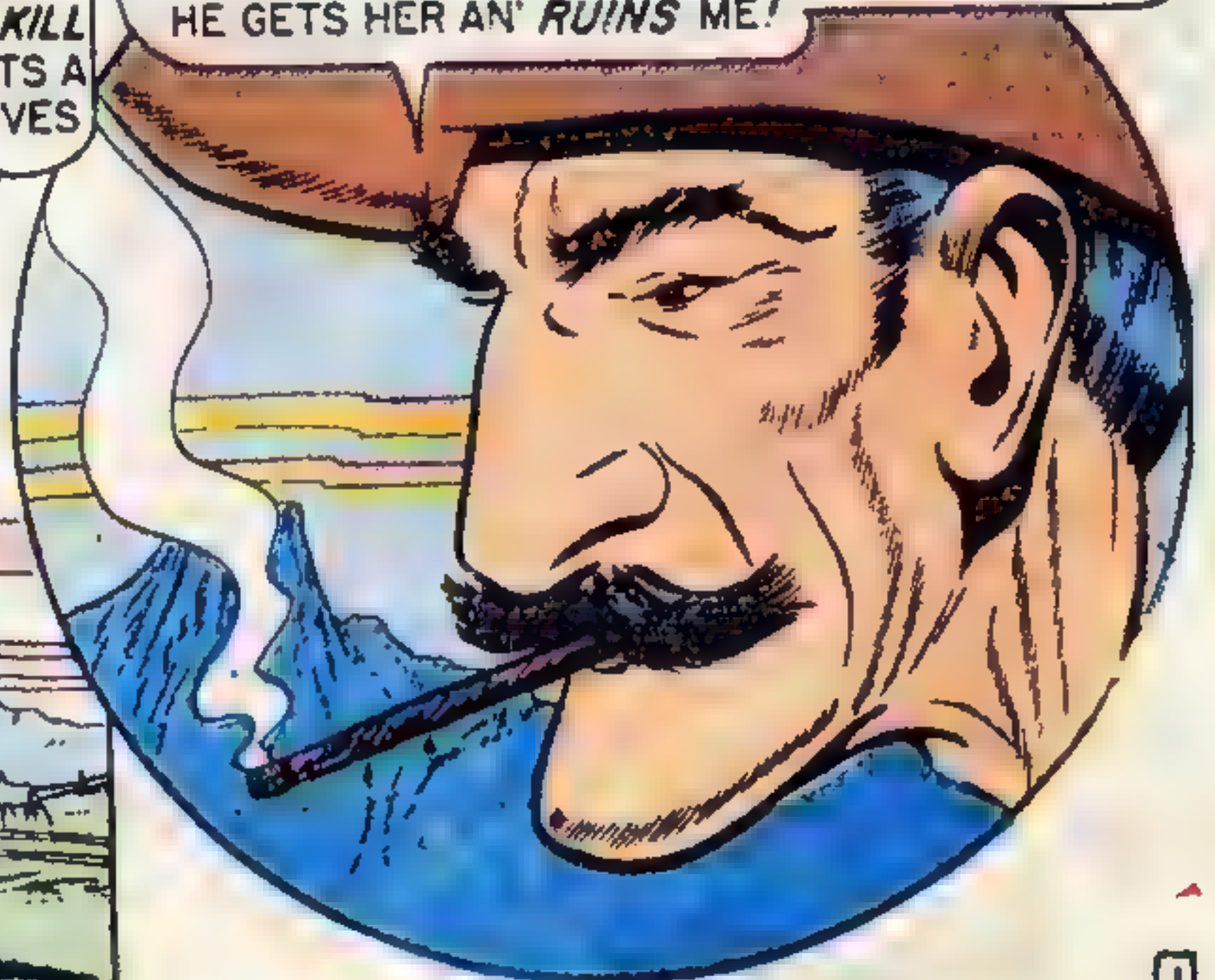
"The KILLER of RED ROCK VALLEY!"

THE RANCH OF JACK CUDDY, A WEALTHY HORSE BREEDER...

BOSS, THAT WILD PINTO STALLION MADE OFF WITH *THREE* MORE OF OUR BEST MARES *LAST NIGHT!*

THAT HOSS IS A *BAD ONE!* HE'LL KILL A MAN ONCE HE GETS A CHANCE! HE DESERVES HIS TAG... **"THE KILLER!"**

HE'S RUN OFF WITH ALL MY BLOODED MARES NOW, EXCEPTING *"DANGER"*... THE BEST OF THE LOT! WE'VE GOT TO *CAPTURE* THAT PINTO AFORE HE GETS HER AN' *RUINS* ME!



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WE'LL THROW UP A **CORRAL** AT THE NECK OF HIGH PINE RAVINE AND RUN THE "**KILLER**" AND HIS MARES INTO IT!



A WELL-CONCEALED CORRAL IS QUICKLY ERECTED...

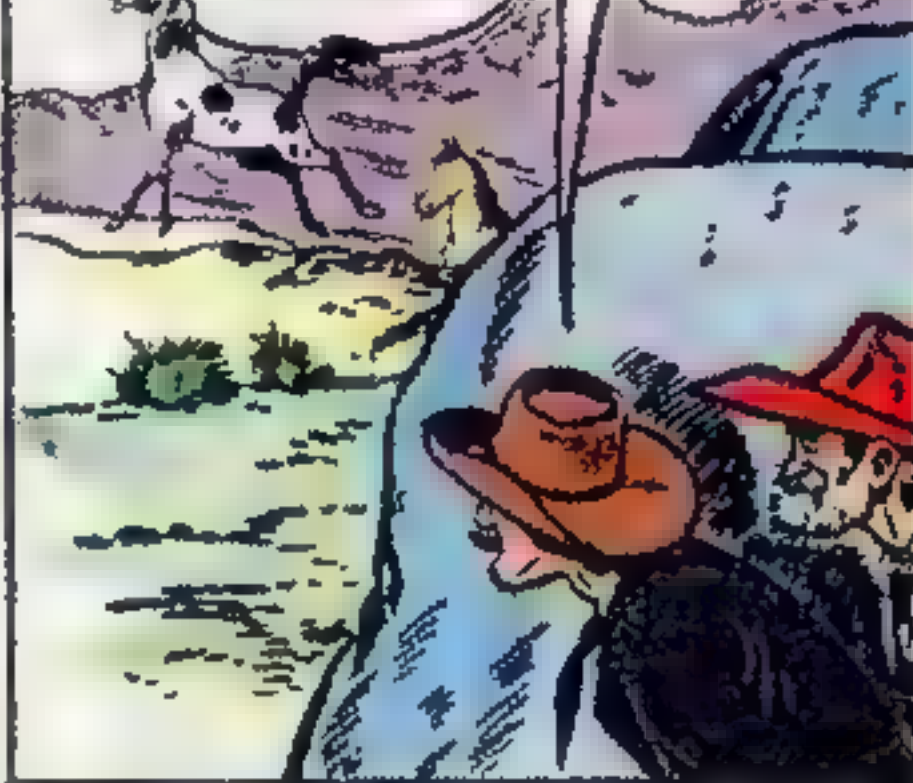
THE ORNERY CRITTER AN' HIS BAND ARE OVER IN **RED ROCK VALLEY**! WE'LL **CHASE** THEM THIS WAY NOW!

THAT TRAP IS SEVEN FOOT **HIGH** AND STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD **ANY** HOSS ALIVE!

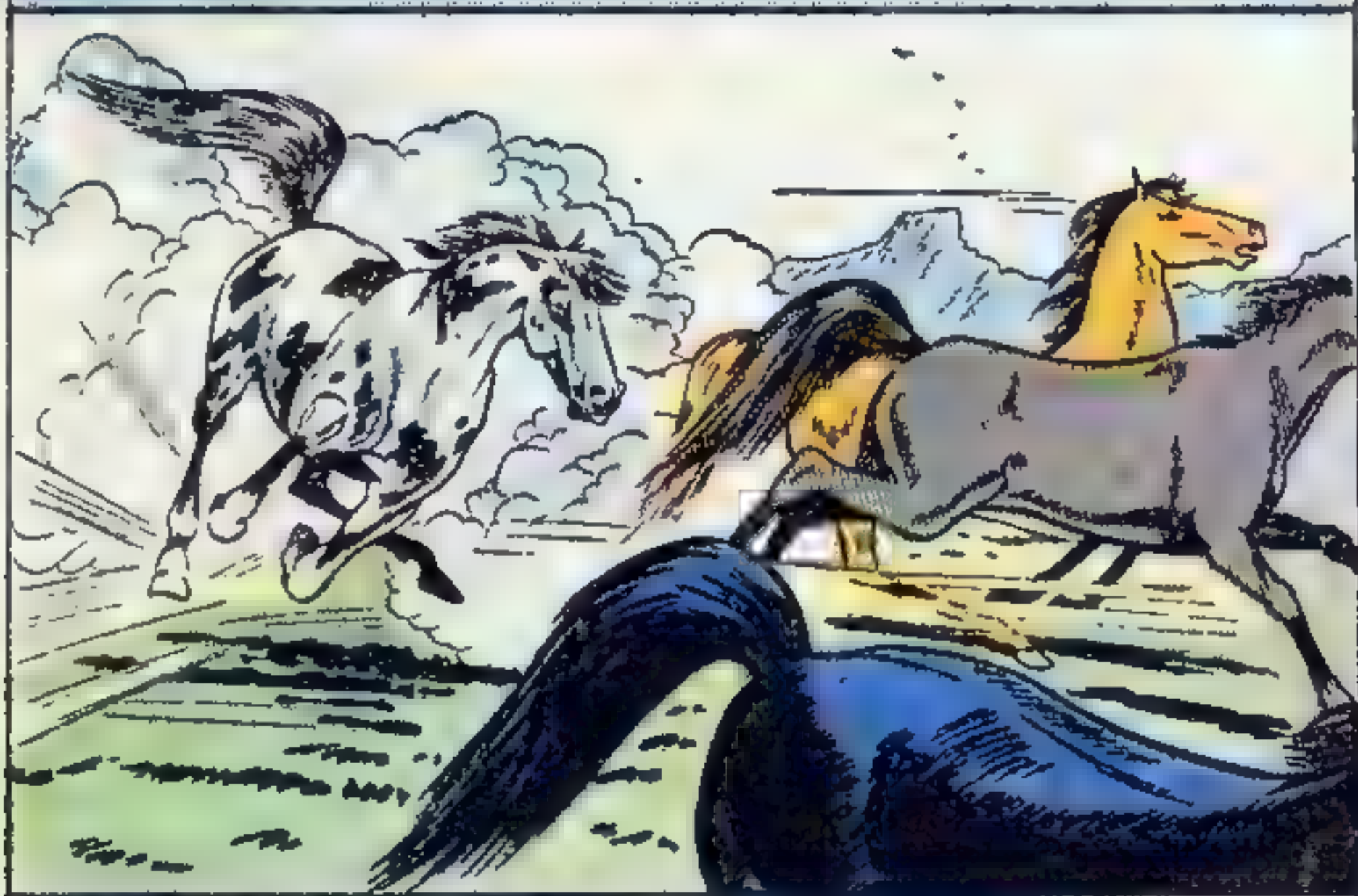


RED ROCK VALLEY...

THERE HE IS... A GREAT PIECE OF **HOSSFLESH**, IF I EVER SAW ONE! JOE, TAKE YOUR MEN AN' DRIVE THEM ALONG! THE REST OF THE BOYS ARE STRUNG OUT ALONG THE VALLEY TO SPOOK THEM INTO THE **TRAP**! **WATCH OUT**, THOUGH... HE'S A **KILLER**!



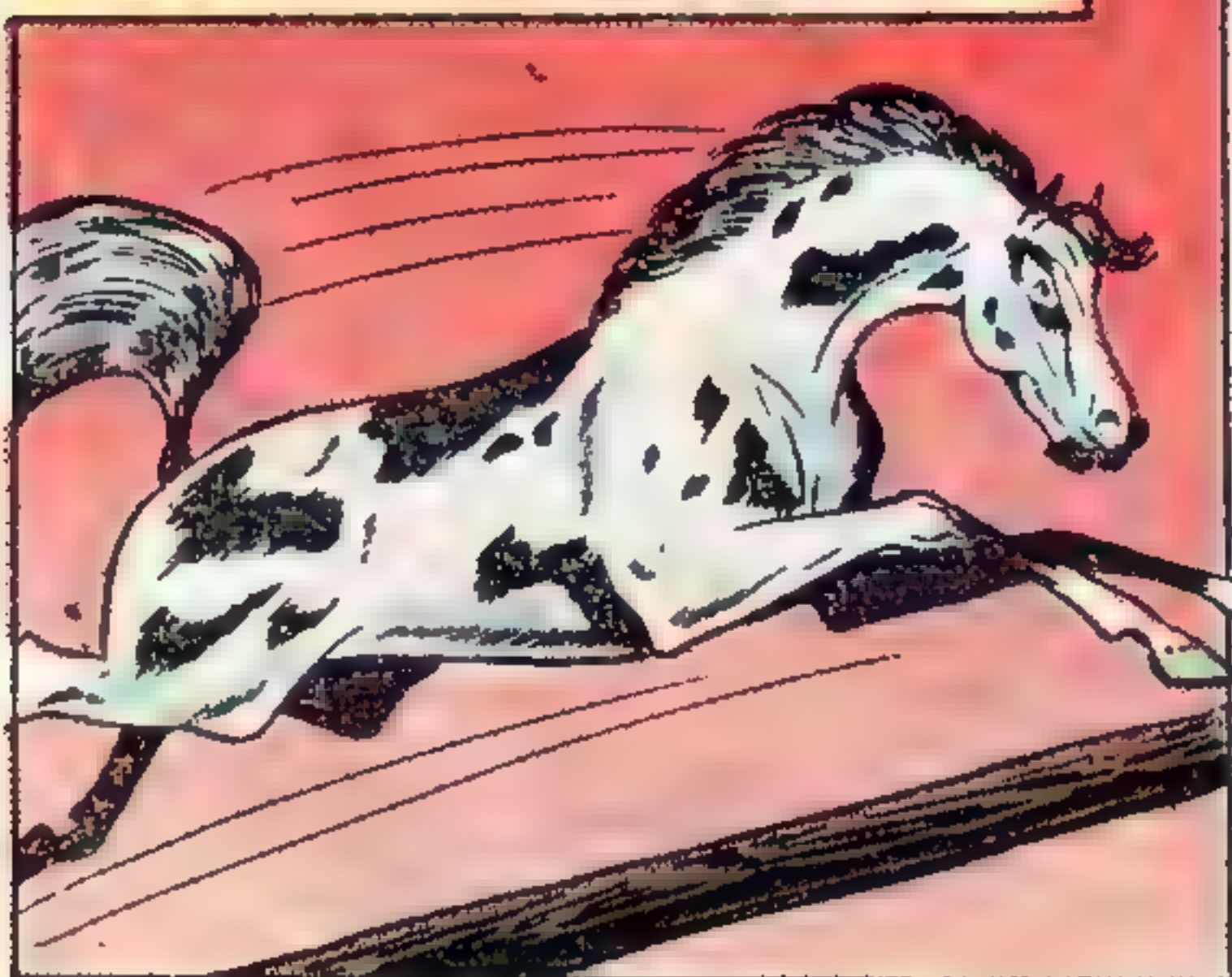
WITH A SHARP WHISTLE, THE MIGHTY SPOTTED STALLION URGES HIS VALUABLE LITTLE BAND INTO A RUN... AWAY FROM THE DISTANT RIDERS... BUT, UNKNOWINGLY, TOWARD THE TRAP AT HIGH PINE RAVINE!



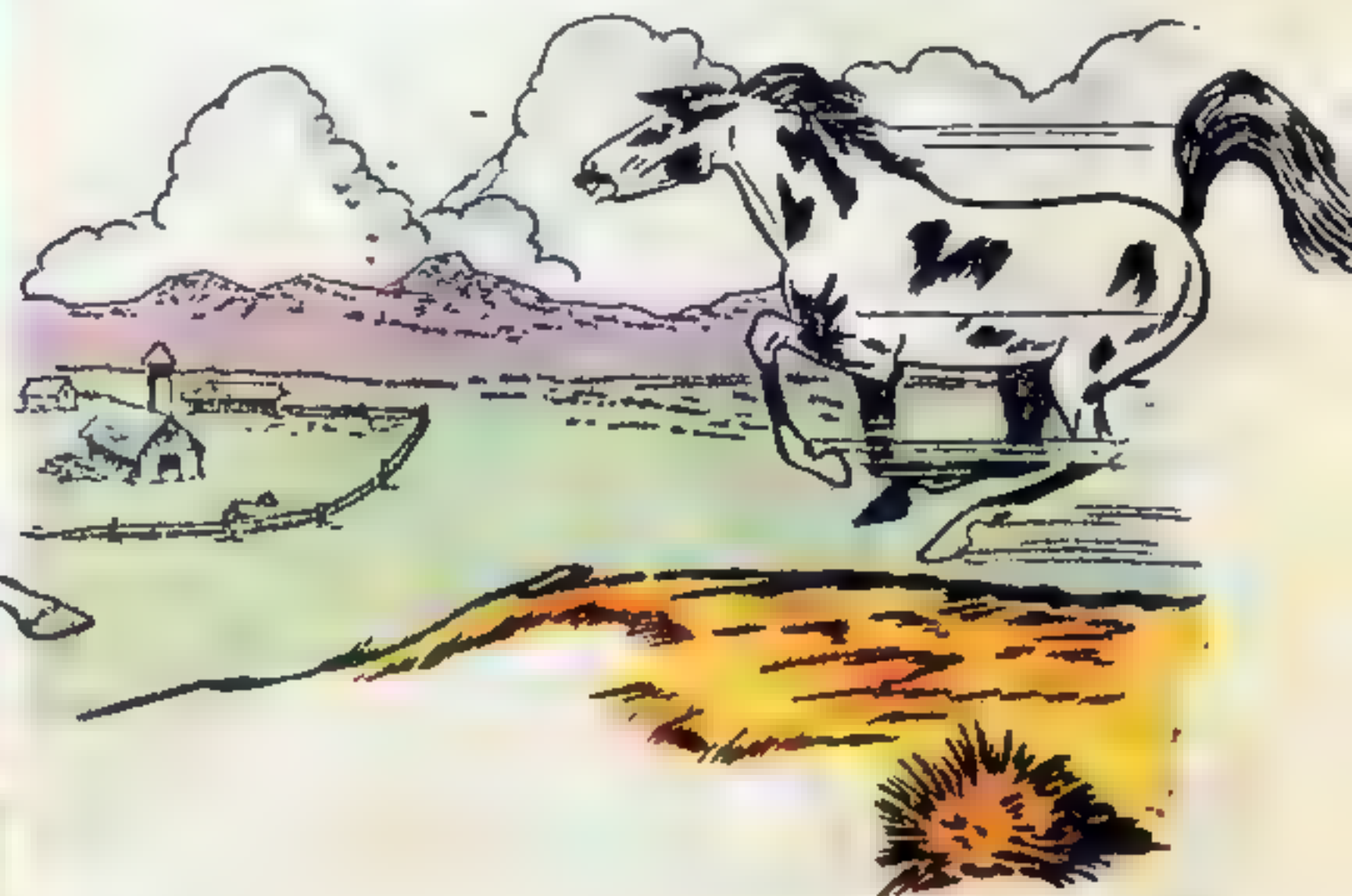
THE WILD HERD THUNDERS HEADLONG THROUGH THE RAVINE... AND POURS MADLY INTO THE CORRAL, THEIR DAYS OF FREEDOM ENDED!



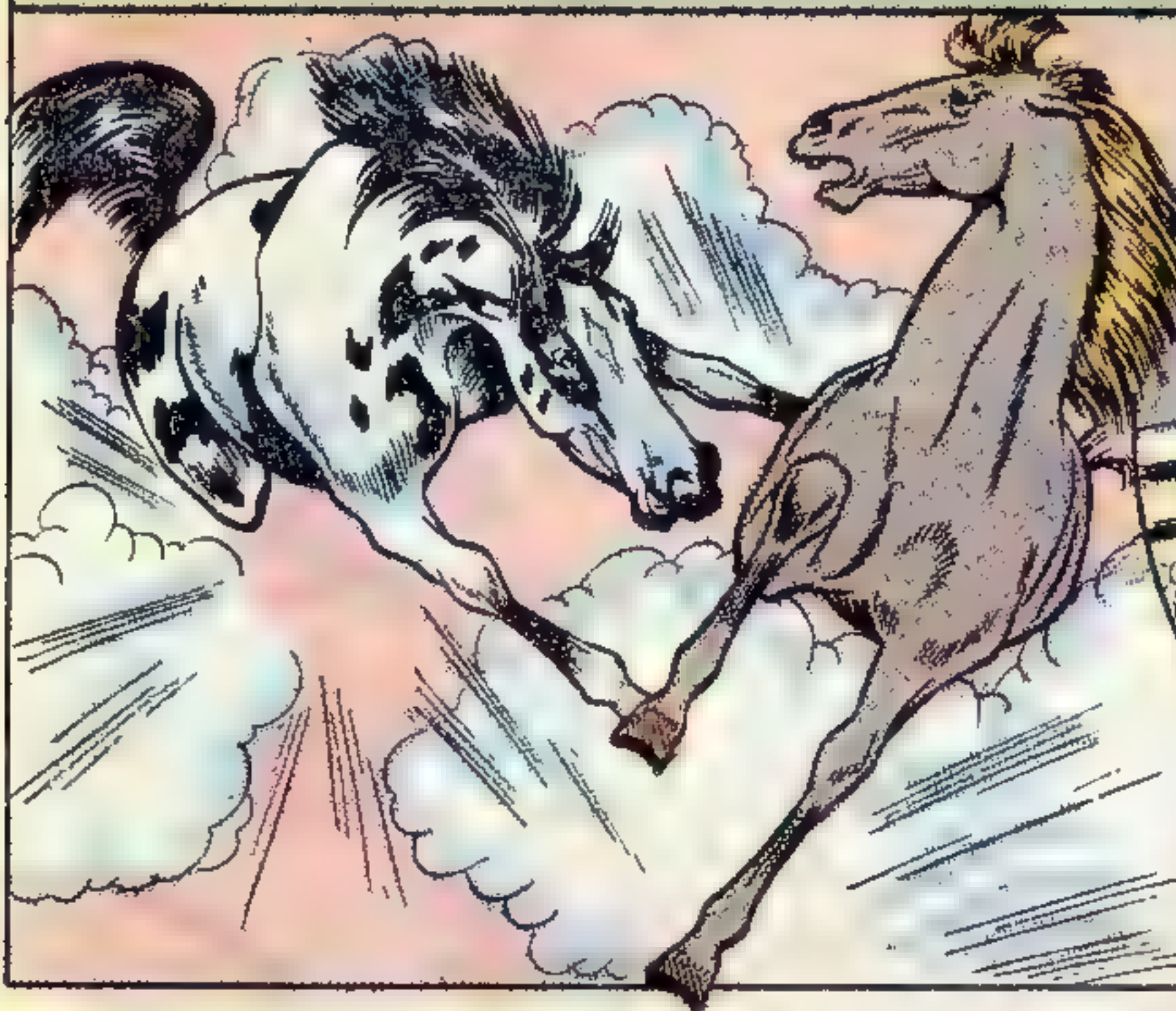
THE BEWILDERED MARES MILL AROUND THE FENCES, BUT THE INDOMITABLE STALLION, WITH A SHARP SNORT, **BURSTS** FROM THEIR MIDST! WITH A SOARING LEAP, HE EASILY CLEARS THE HIGH BARS!



WHILE THE DISMAYED CUDDY AND HIS HARD RIDING HANDS ROUND UP THE RECAPTURED MARES, THE GREAT PINTO CIRCLES BACK TOWARD THE RANCH... AND THE UNGUARDED "**DANCER**"!

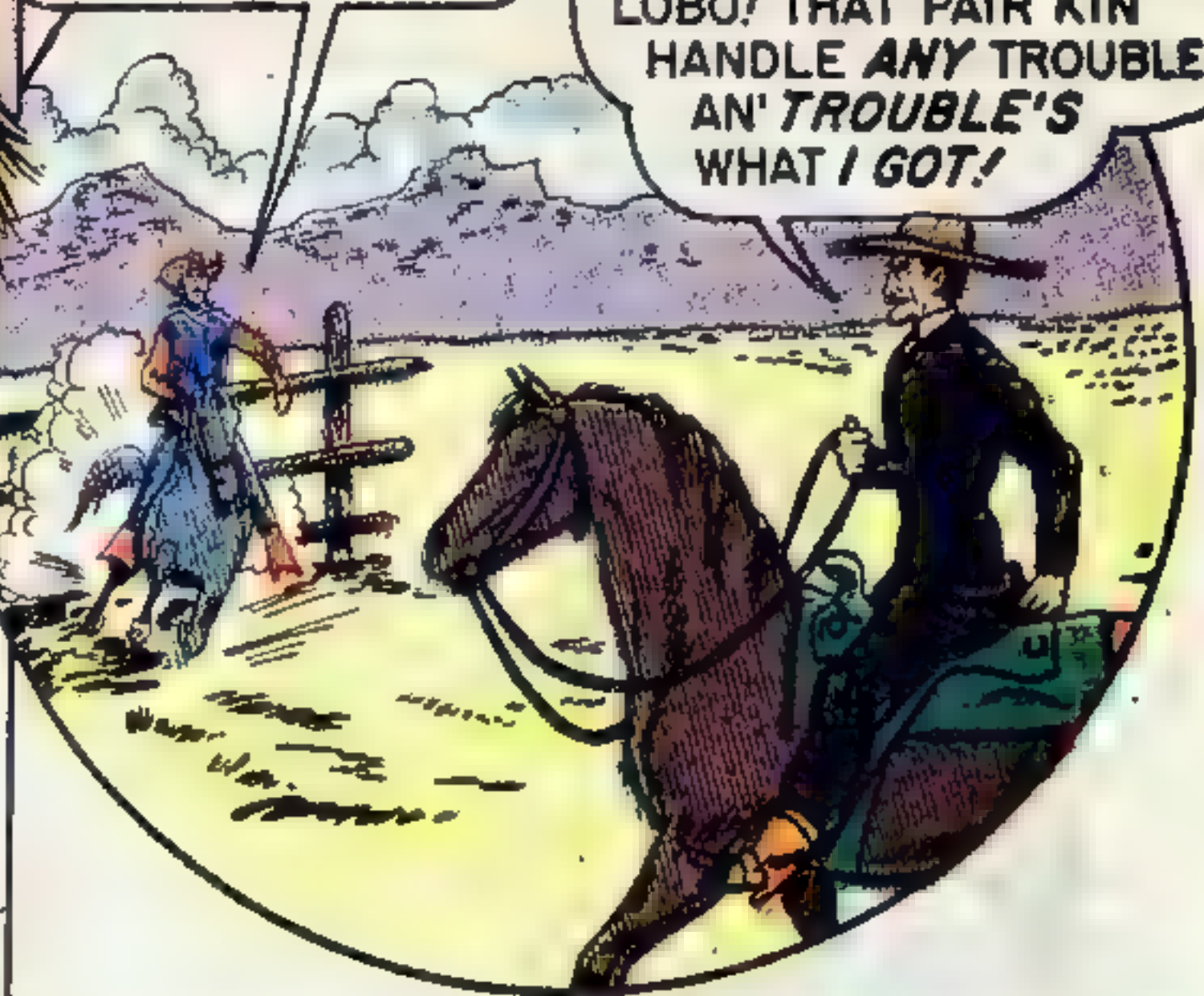


LEAPING THE FENCE, THE RAIDING "KILLER" DRIVES THE SQUEALING MARE BEFORE HIM!



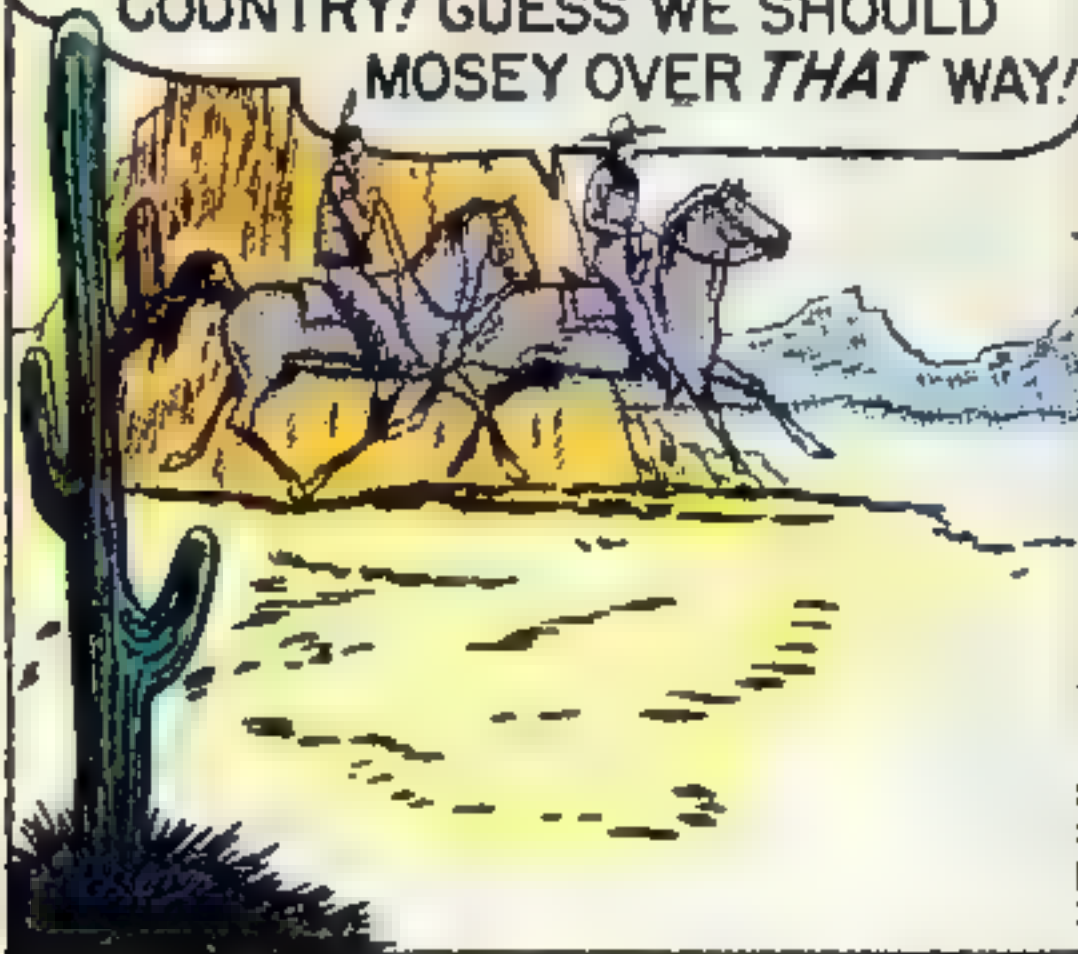
BOSS! THAT DEVIL BROKE INTO YOUR CORRAL AND MADE OFF WITH "DANGER!"

GOLDANG! THAT'S TH' LAST STRAW! I'M SENDIN' FER MY OL' FRIEND, TEX MORGAN, AND THAT INJUN, LOBO! THAT PAIR KIN HANDLE ANY TROUBLE... AN' TROUBLE'S WHAT I GOT!



THE WORD GOES OUT TO TEX MORGAN AND HIS FAITHFUL INDIAN PARTNER TO HEED CUDDY'S APPEAL FOR HELP! EARLY IN THE MORNING, THEY RIDE OUT TO ROUND UP THE MARAUDING PINTO...

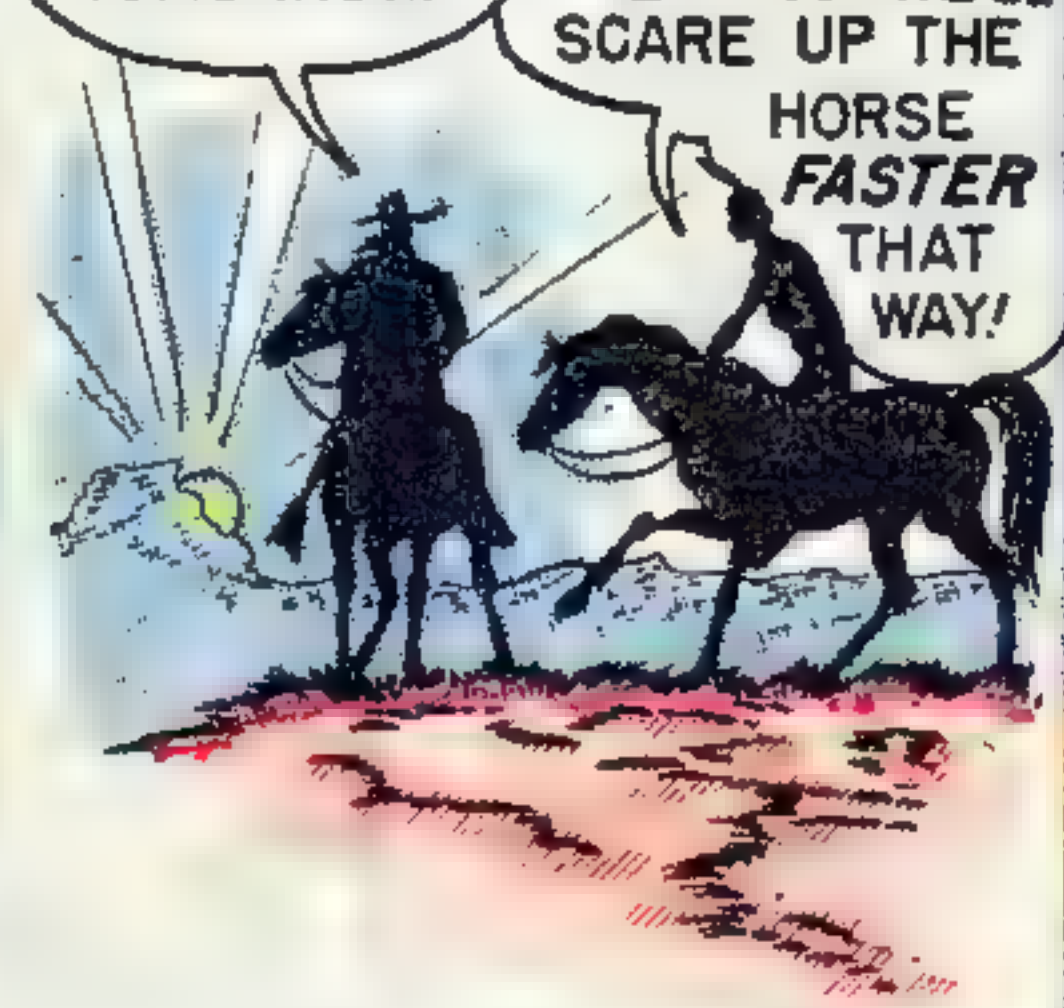
THAT HORSE AND MARE WERE LAST SEEN IN THE BLUE HILL COUNTRY! GUESS WE SHOULD MOSEY OVER *THAT* WAY!



AFTER TWO DAYS OF FRUITLESS SEARCHING...

WE'LL SPLIT HERE, LOBO! MEET YOU AT SHEEP HEAD BEND AT SUNUP TOMORROW!

I'LL SCOUT THE LOWER VALLEY! YOU RIDE THROUGH THE HILLS! WE'LL SCARE UP THE HORSE *FASTER* *THAT* WAY!



THAT NIGHT, WHILE LOBO SLEEPS, A SILENT SHADOW NUZZLES UP TO "CLOUD" AND SPIRITS HER AWAY! THE "KILLER" RAIDS AGAIN!



NEXT DAY...

I BACKTRACKED WHEN YOU DIDN'T SHOW UP! *WHAT* HAPPENED?

THAT PINTO STOLE "CLOUD" WHILE I SLEPT!



LEAVING THE CHAGRINNED LOBO, TEX MORGAN TAKES UP THE HUNT SINGLE-HANDED!

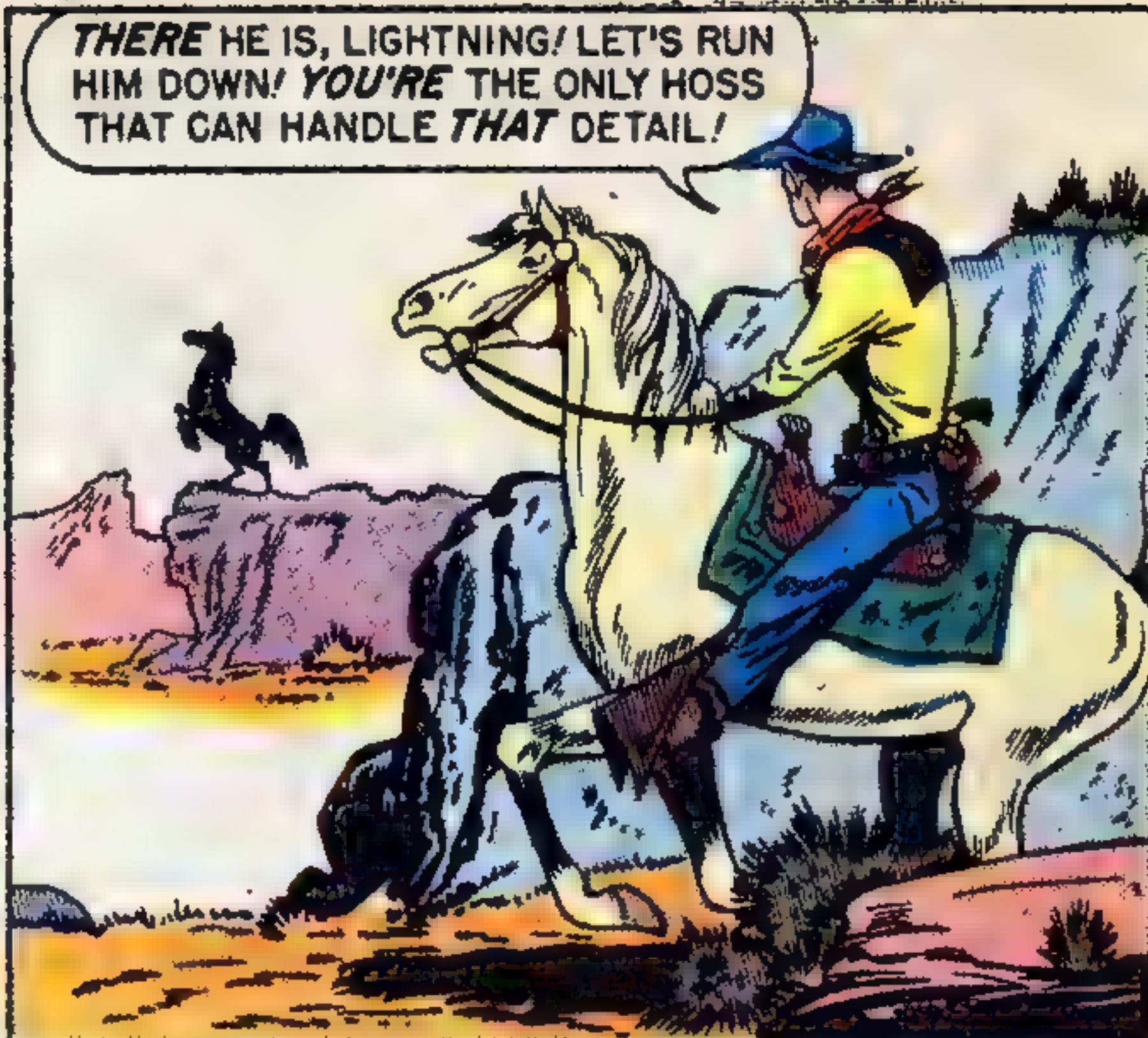
HO-HO! IF THAT DOESN'T BEAT ALL! *THAT* HOSS OUTSMARTING LOBO! IT'S UP TO YOU AN' ME NOW, LIGHTNING!



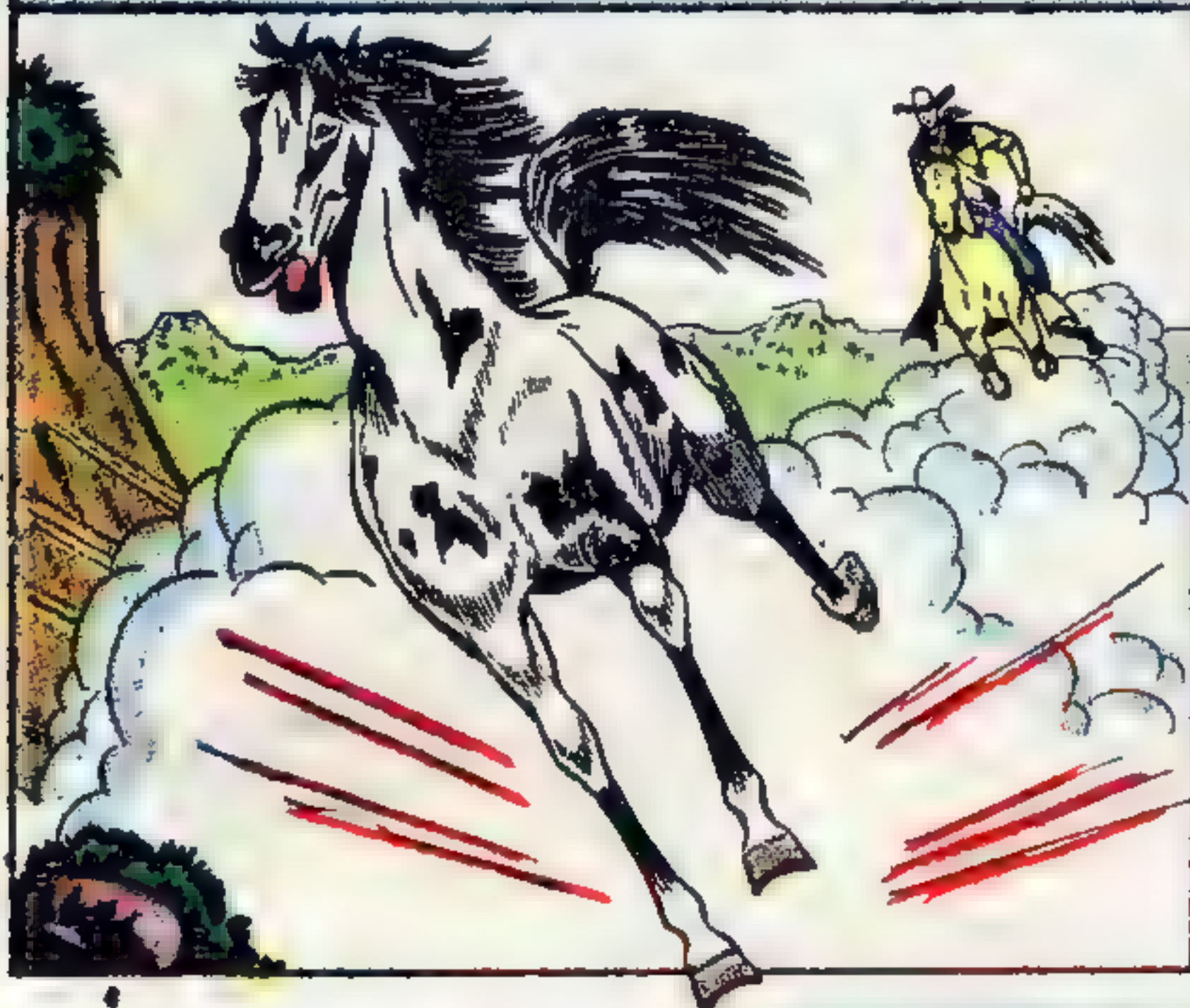
HIGH NOON, AND THE MAGNIFICENT PINTO, GUARDING "DANCER" AND "CLOUD," WINDS THE DREADED MAN-SCENT! HIS NOSTRILS FLARE WITH HATRED AS HE WHISTLES TO HIS MARES!



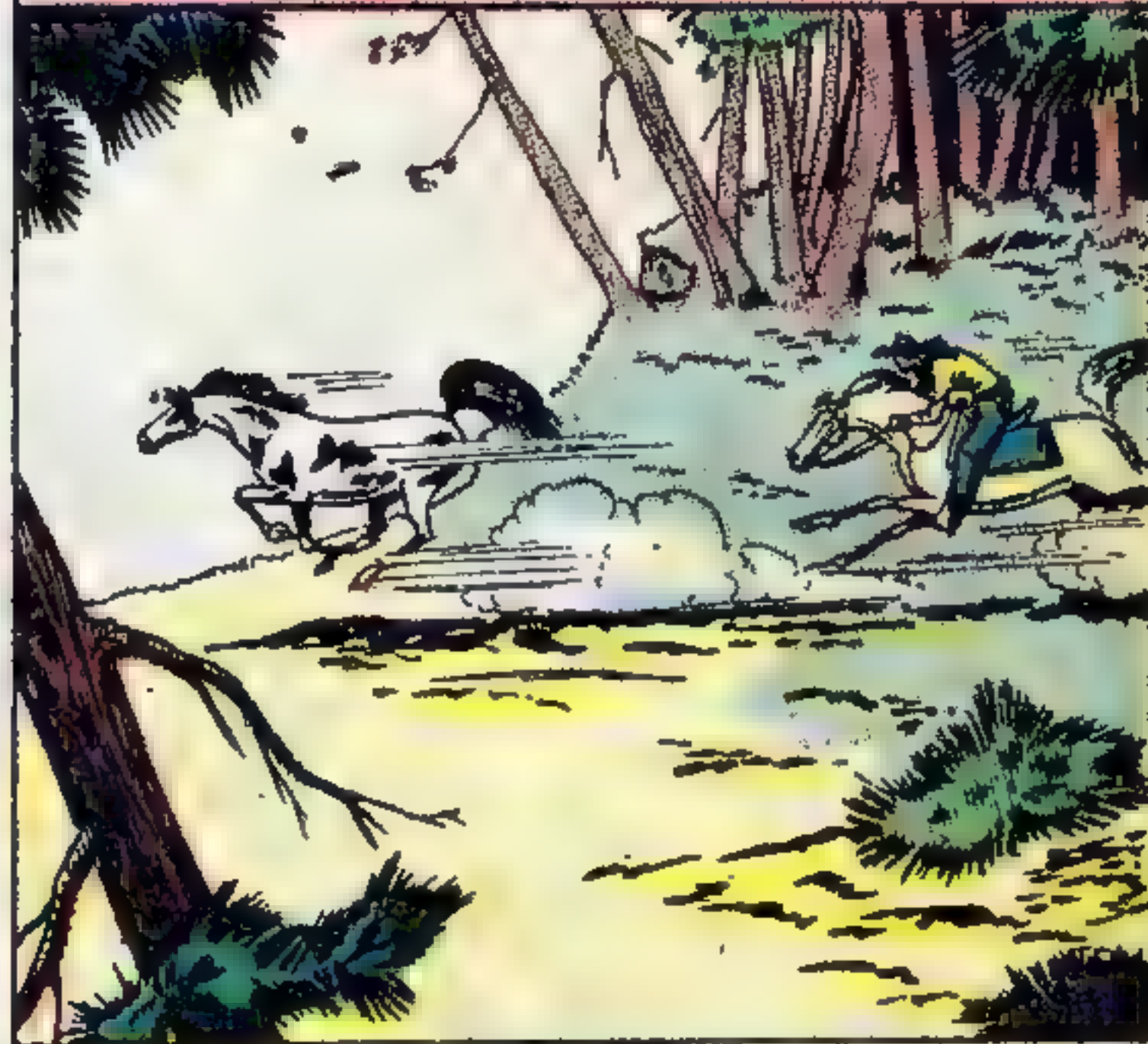
THERE HE IS, LIGHTNING! LET'S RUN HIM DOWN! YOU'RE THE ONLY HOSS THAT CAN HANDLE THAT DETAIL!



THE WALLS OF THE GREEN VALLEY ECHO THE ROLLING RUMBLE, AS THE TWO GREAT STALLIONS MATCH THEIR FLASHING SPEED!



THROUGH WOODED GLUMPS AND ROCKY PLAINS, THE SWIFT CHASE ROARS, AS THE PALOMINO STRAINS TO OVERTAKE THE PINTO RAIDER!

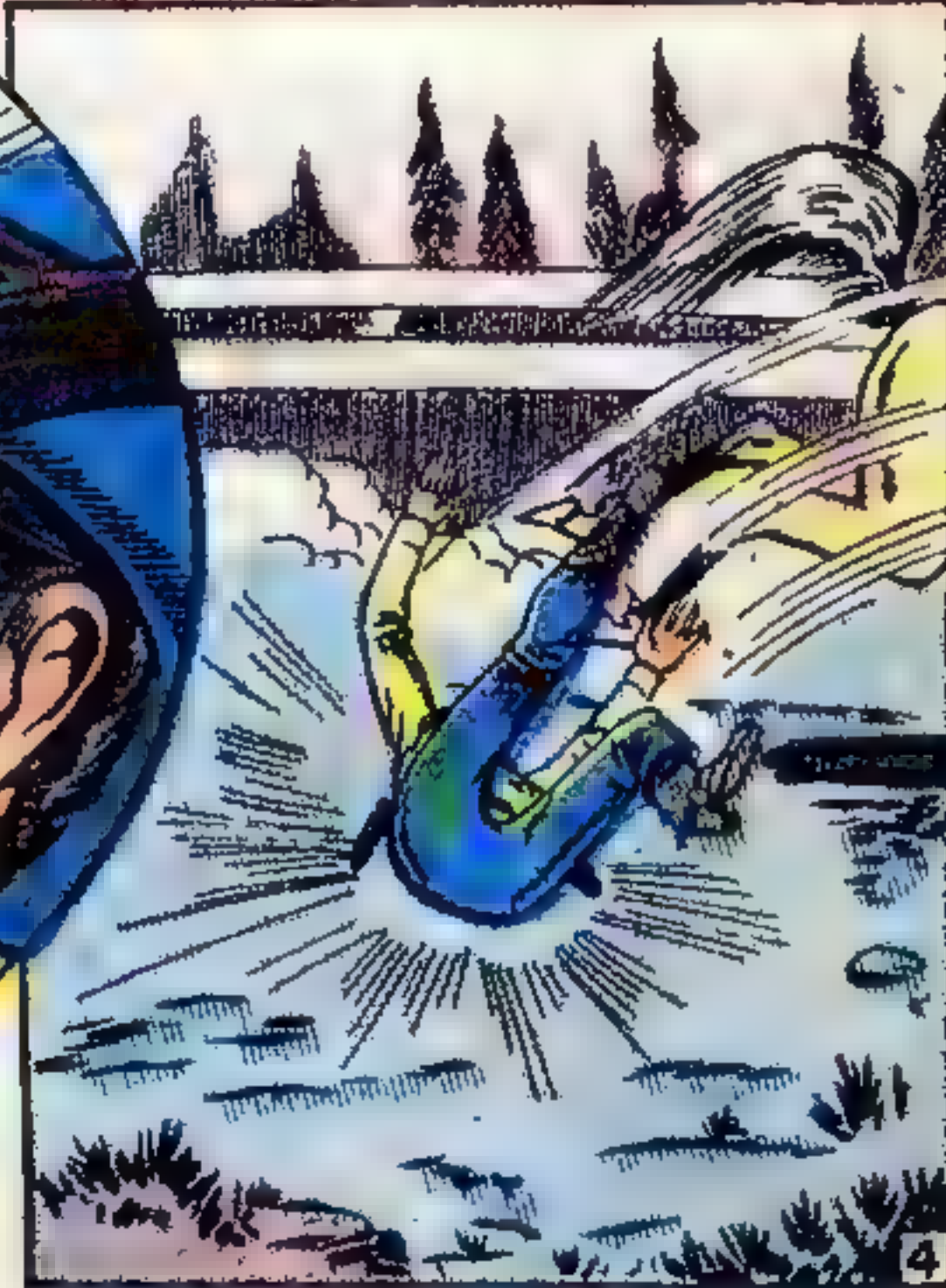
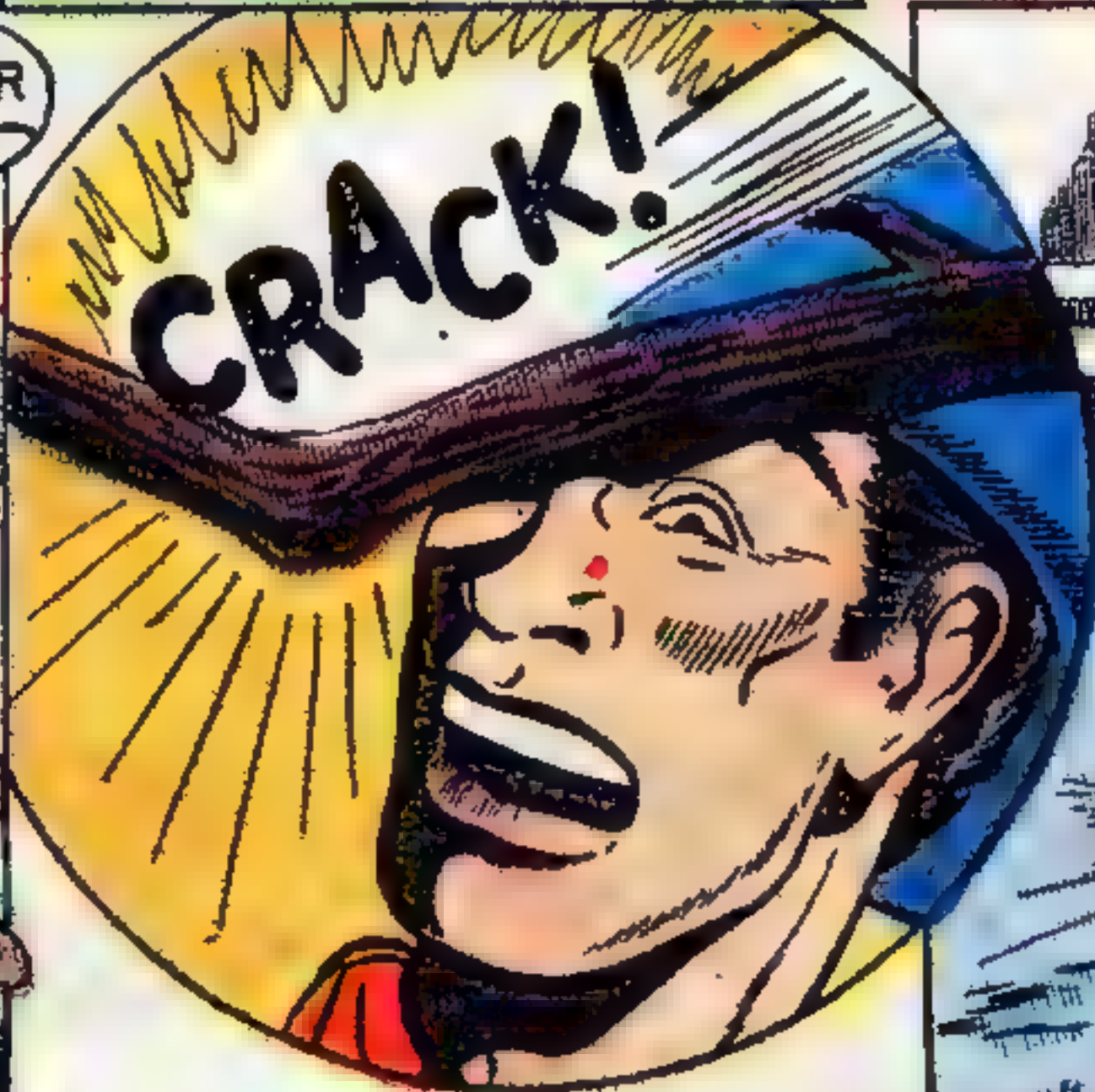


SLOWLY THE GAP BETWEEN THE THUNDERING RAGERS CLOSES!

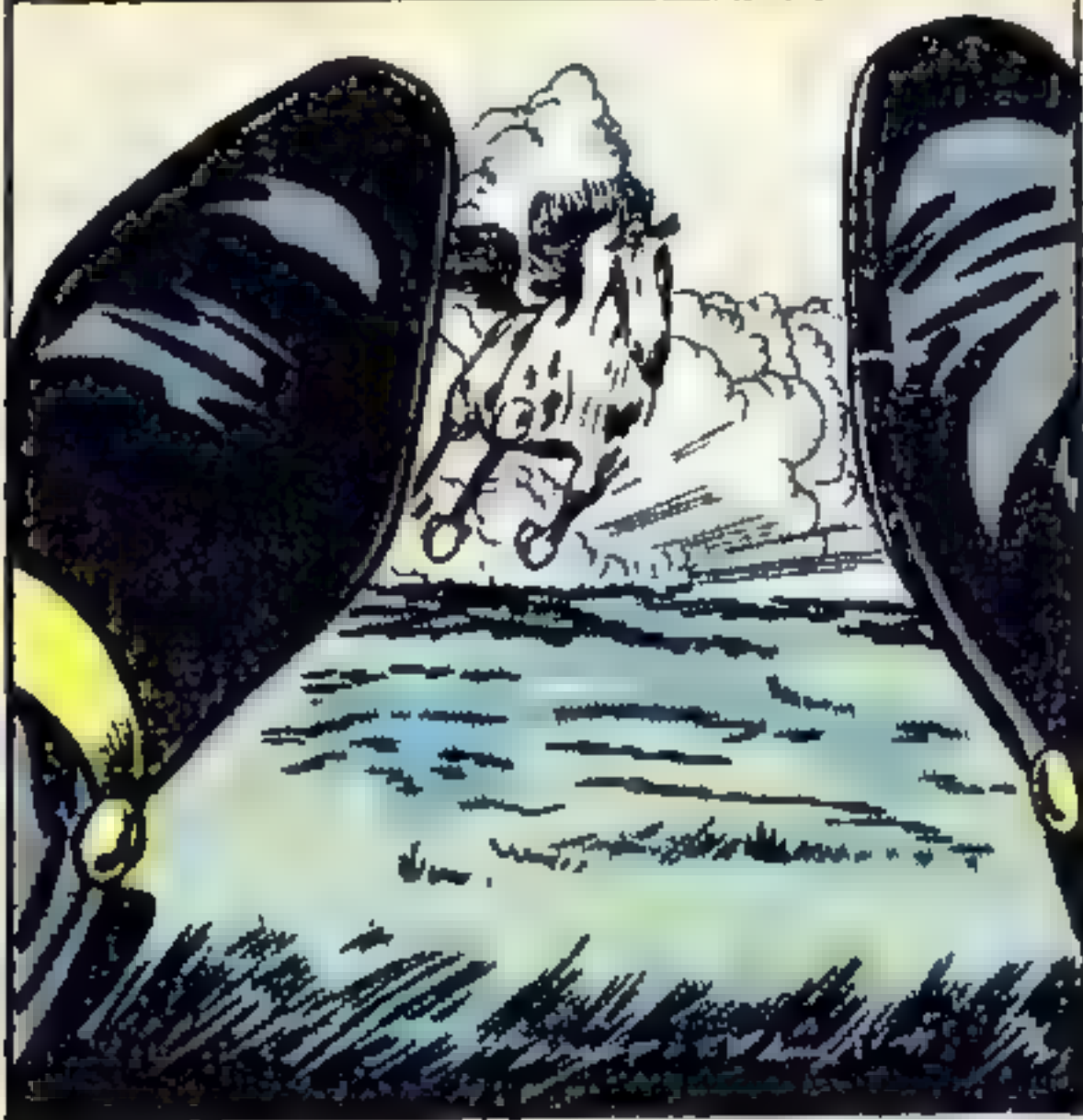
SUDDENLY, AS TEX IS ABOUT TO MAKE HIS THROW...

...THE SENSELESS FIGURE THUDS TO THE ROCKY GROUND!

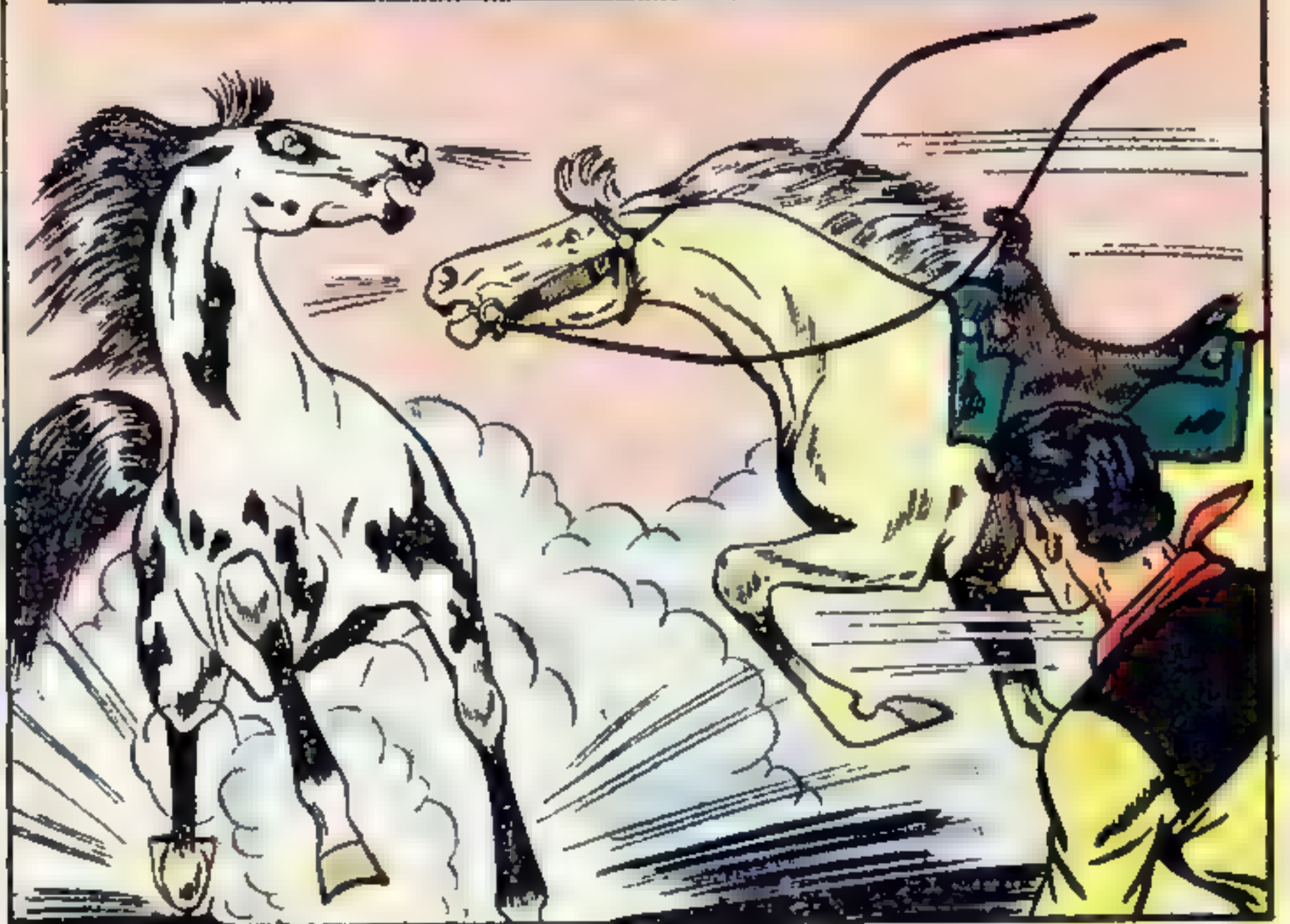
NICE GOING, LIGHTNING! WE'RE NEAR ENOUGH FOR A THROW NOW!



WITH FLATTENED EARS AND EYES OF FLAMING HATRED, THE ENRAGED "KILLER" TURNS UPON THE UNCONSCIOUS FIGURE OF TEX MORGAN!

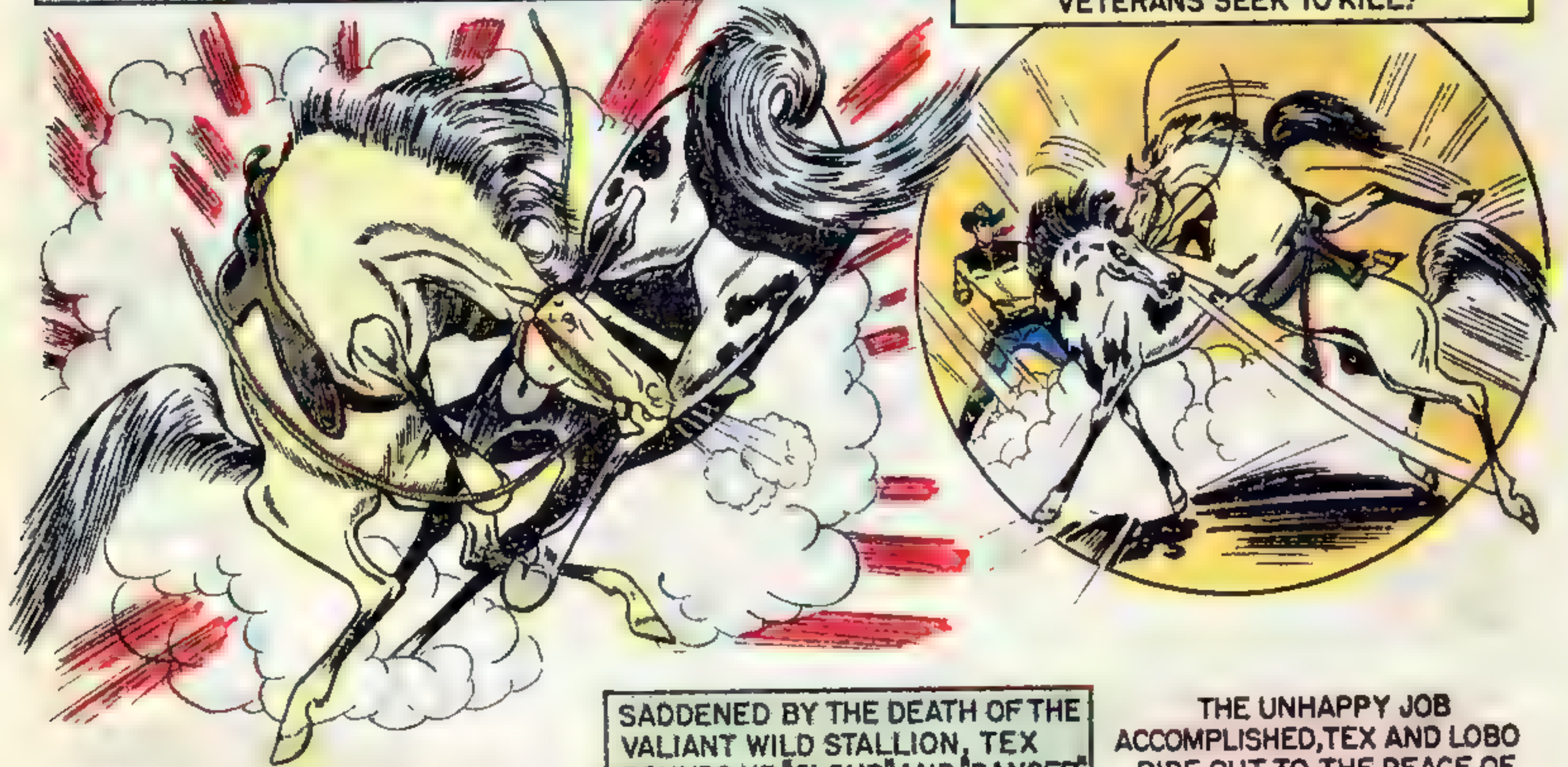


SUDDENLY, LIGHTNING HURLS HIS MIGHT UPON THE MAN-KILLING PINTO, AS TEX REGAINS HIS CONSCIOUSNESS!



WHIRLING, SLASHING, BITING, THE FIGHTING STALLIONS SQUEAL THEIR RAGE AS THEY LOCK IN MORTAL COMBAT!

THE FURY OF THE FIGHT FLAMES HIGHER AS THE GREAT BATTLE-SCARRED VETERANS SEEK TO KILL!



SUDDENLY, LIGHTNING SEES HIS OPENING AND THE PINTO IS DOWN! DEATH STRIKES QUICKLY!

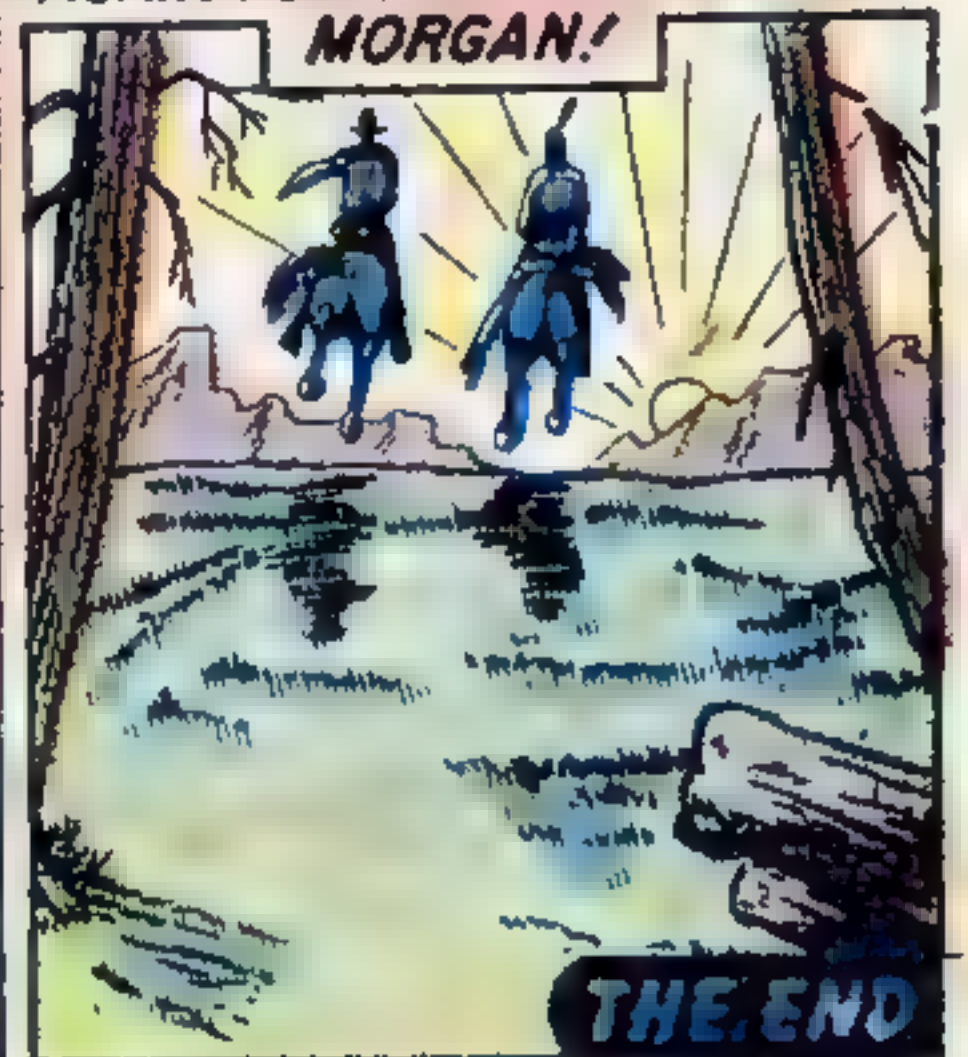


SADDENED BY THE DEATH OF THE VALIANT WILD STALLION, TEX ROUNDS UP "CLOUD" AND "DANCER" AND HEADS BACK TO THE RANCH.

TOO BAD THAT SPUNKY CRITTER HAD TO DIE, LIGHTNING! HE WAS A MAGNIFICENT PIECE OF HOSSFLESH!



THE UNHAPPY JOB ACCOMPLISHED, TEX AND LOBO RIDE OUT TO THE PEACE OF THE PINES, BATHED IN A GOLDEN GLOW FROM THE SETTING SUN! PEACE...UNTIL THE OPPRESSED CALL ONCE AGAIN FOR THE HELP OF TEX MORGAN!



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MARVEL COMIC GROUP

Hi, Friends:

The editors of this magazine would like to ask you an important question — Why are you reading this magazine?

We believe the answer is that you enjoy comics, and that you enjoy reading this particular comic.

We want to help you protect your right to buy and read your favorite magazines, as long as they contain nothing that might be harmful to you. That is why we are writing you this open letter.

Lately, lots of people have been criticizing comics. They have been saying that comics teach you youngsters things that are not good for you, things like violence, cruelty, immorality, etc.

Some time back, we were fortunate in obtaining editorial advice from Dr. Jean Thompson, a psychiatrist in the Child Guidance Bureau of the New York City Board of Education. Dr. Thompson read our magazines, approved our stories generally, gave us suggestions for the finest kind of stories, and agreed to serve as editorial consultant on all future magazines. She will insure the fact that our comics contain nothing that might meet with objections from your parents, teachers or friends.

That is our answer to the charge that comics are bad.

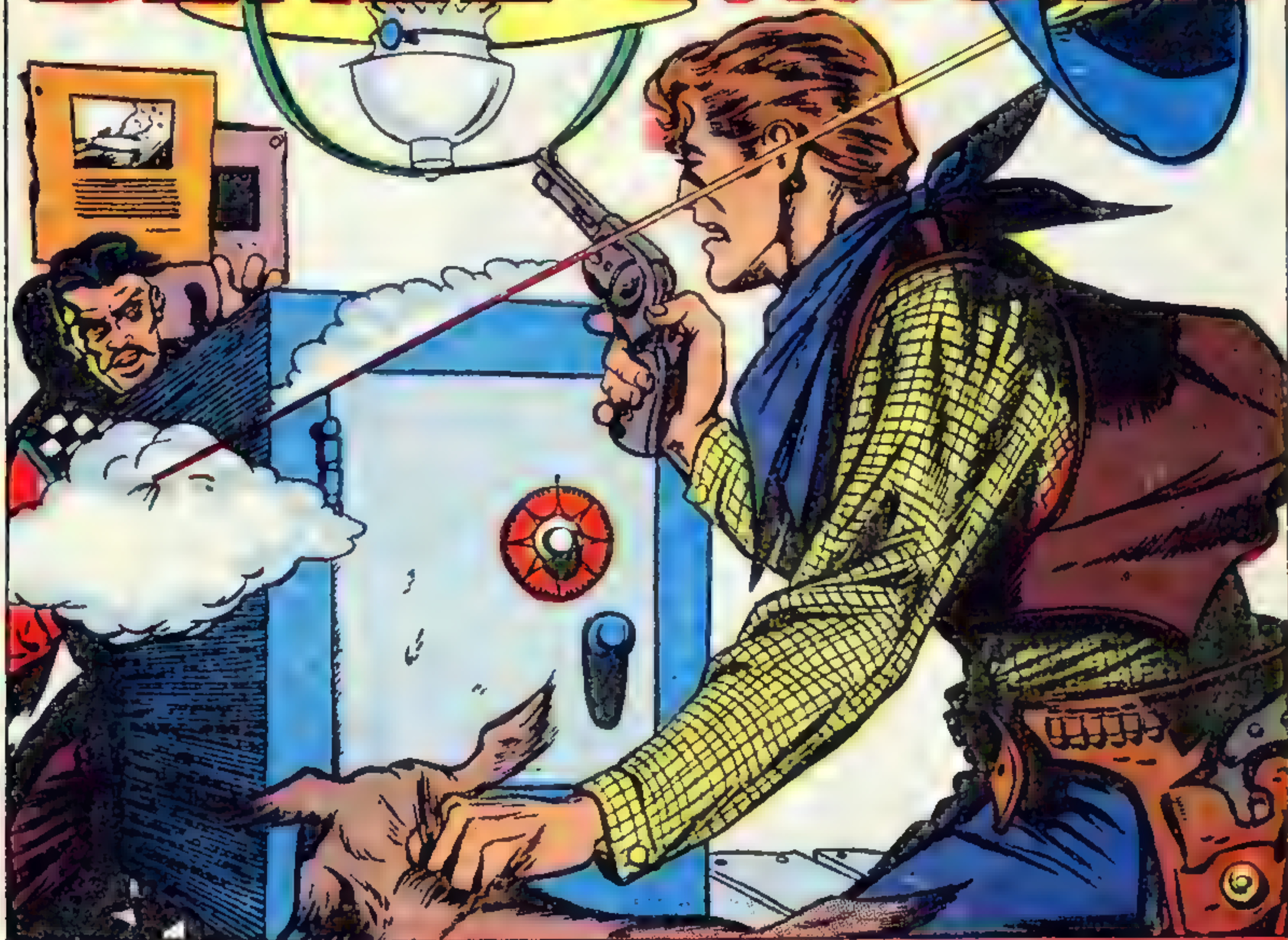
Now, this is the way we can help you keep the privilege of buying and reading what you want. The magazines listed on this page are all in the Marvel Comic Group. Look through them, and you will see that there is nothing in these magazines that could possibly be considered harmful. Then show them to the critics of comics. Prove to those people that here is reading matter that no one can criticize.

Use judgment. Buy only the best comics, like the magazines listed on this page, or any of the other good ones, and prove to people that the magazines you read are above criticism.

If you do that, no one will ever want to take your magazines away from you.

The Editors
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BLAZE CARSON



A SHERIFF IS SWORN TO UPHOLD THE LAW, EVEN WHEN THE LAW OF THE COURTS MAKES A MOCKERY OF THE LAWS OF HUMANITY! **BLAZE CARSON** FACES THIS DILEMMA WHEN, WITH THE AID OF A LITTLE DOG AND HIS TRUSTY FORTY-FIVES, HE MAKES HIS OWN RULES IN...

"GUNS ROAR ON BOOT HILL!"

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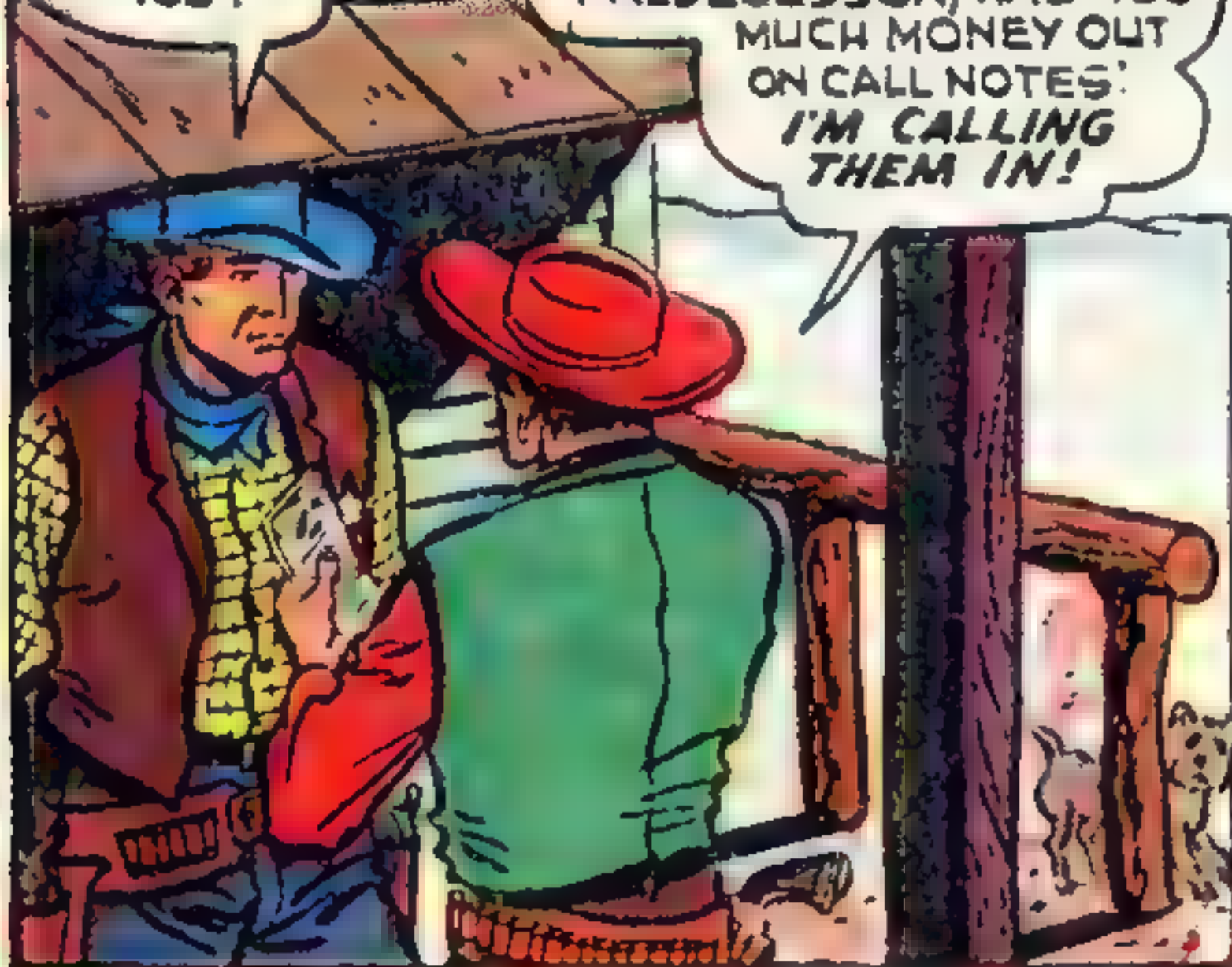
BLAZE CARSON ENJOYS HIS JOB...THAT OF UPHOLDING THE LAW AND PURSUING CRIMINALS! BUT HE IS SOON TO LEARN THAT THERE ARE PHASES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT WHICH AREN'T SO PLEASANT!

THAT'S RIGHT, SIR! I'M SHERIFF OF THIS TOWN! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

YOU CAN SERVE THESE EVICTION NOTICES! SHERIFF! SAM RANDEL, MY PREDECESSOR, HAS TOO MUCH MONEY OUT ON CALL NOTES! I'M CALLING THEM IN!

YOU MEAN YOU OWN THE BANK? WHERE'S SAM RANDEL?

MY NAME'S ROSS LEGGETT! I BOUGHT THE BANK FROM RANDEL AND I HAVE THE PAPERS TO PROVE IT! SAM RANDEL LEFT TOWN AS SOON AS THE DEAL WAS COMPLETED! NOW I WANT...GET AWAY, YOU BLASTED CUR!





TAKE IT EASY! THAT'S RANDEL'S DOG!

I DON'T CARE WHOSE DOG IT IS! I'LL TEACH HIM NOT TO BITE!



AND THIS WILL TEACH YOU NOT TO KICK DEFENSELESS ANIMALS!

THE SHERIFF SMELLS TROUBLE BREWING... BIG TROUBLE, AS ROSS LEGGETT GETS UP AND JOINS HIS MEN! AND RANDEL'S DOG... WHAT'S HE DOING IN TOWN?

IT'S FUNNY RANDEL'S DOG IS STILL HANGING AROUND, NOW THAT SAM IS GONE! THAT PUP LOVED THE BANKER!



THAT GUY PACKS A PUNCH, BOSS! WANT US TO PUT A COUPLA SLUGS IN 'IM?

DON'T BE A FOOL! YOU GUYS HAVE A BATCH OF EVICTION NOTICES TO SERVE! IF THEY PUT UP A FIGHT, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

ROSS LEGGETT'S GUNNIES SERVE THE NOTICES DEPRIVING FAMILIES OF THEIR MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS... THEIR HOMES!

SAM RANDEL TOLD ME I WOULDN'T HAVE TO PAY UNTIL I HAD THE MONEY! THIS RANCH IS ALL I HAVE AND I'M NOT LEAVING!

YOU'RE LEAVING RIGHT NOW! THIS WILL SHOW YOU ROSS LEGGETT MEANS WHAT HE SAYS!



THE SCENE IS REPEATED ALL OVER THE COUNTY! ANGRY RANCHERS DRIFT IN, HOMELESS AND DESPERATE! THEY GATHER, MUTTER... A SULLEN MOB IS BORN!

TAKE IT EASY, MEN! LEGGETT IS *WITHIN THE LAW*, BUT THINGS WILL WORK OUT!

GET OUT OF OUR WAY, SHERIFF! WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH HIM OUR OWN WAY! A *HEMP NECKTIE* IS WHAT HE NEEDS!

THERE'LL BE NO *HANGINGS* IN MY TERRITORY! LEGGETT IS WITHIN THE LAW AND IT'S MY SWORN DUTY TO *UPHOLD* THAT LAW! IF YOU MEN ATTEMPT MOB LAW, I'LL TAKE ACTION!

YOU SOLD OUT TO LEGGETT! GET OUT OF OUR WAY, SHERIFF, OR YOU'LL END UP IN BOOT HILL, TOO!



I SAID THERE'LL BE NO MOB LAW IN THIS TOWN! AND THAT GOES! NOW BREAK THIS UP AND SIT TIGHT! I MAY HAVE NEWS FOR YOU SOON!

LET'S GIVE 'IM A CHANCE! WE'LL GET LEGGETT LATER! OKAY, SHERIFF!

BUT TROUBLE KEEPS PILING UP...ALL OF IT CAUSED BY LEGGETT AND HIS HIRED GUN-WOLVES!



LEGGETT'S MEN DID IT, SHERIFF! THEY TOLD ME TO CLEAR OUT O' MY OWN HOME, THEN SHOT ME, WHEN I PUT UP AN ARGUMENT!

DON'T WORRY, BIGSBY! I'LL STOP THAT IN A HURRY! GET TO A DOCTOR! I'LL SEE YOU LATER!

I COULD JAIL LEGGETT'S GUNNIES, BUT I THINK I'LL JUST GIVE 'EM A WARNING! IF LEGGETT, HIMSELF, MAKES A BLUNDER, THEN I'LL GRAB THE WHOLE BUNCH!

THE SHERIFF RIDES UP JUST AS LEGGETT'S HIRED KILLERS PERSUADE ANOTHER RANCHER TO GIVE UP HIS HOME!

I WON'T GET OFF MY LAND FOR YOU...OR ROSS LEGGETT! OW! DON'T!

HIT 'IM AGAIN, TURK! I GOT HIS ARM!

TURN THAT MAN LOOSE AND GET OFF THIS PROPERTY, YOU COWARDLY RATS!

TRY AND MAKE US GET OFF THE PROPERTY, SHERIFF! WE'LL SHOOT SO MANY HOLES IN YOU YOU'LL LOOK LIKE A STRAINER!



WE CAN TAKE 'IM! GET 'IM, NOW!

I WAS HOPIN' YOU'D TRY THAT!

BANG!

BANG!

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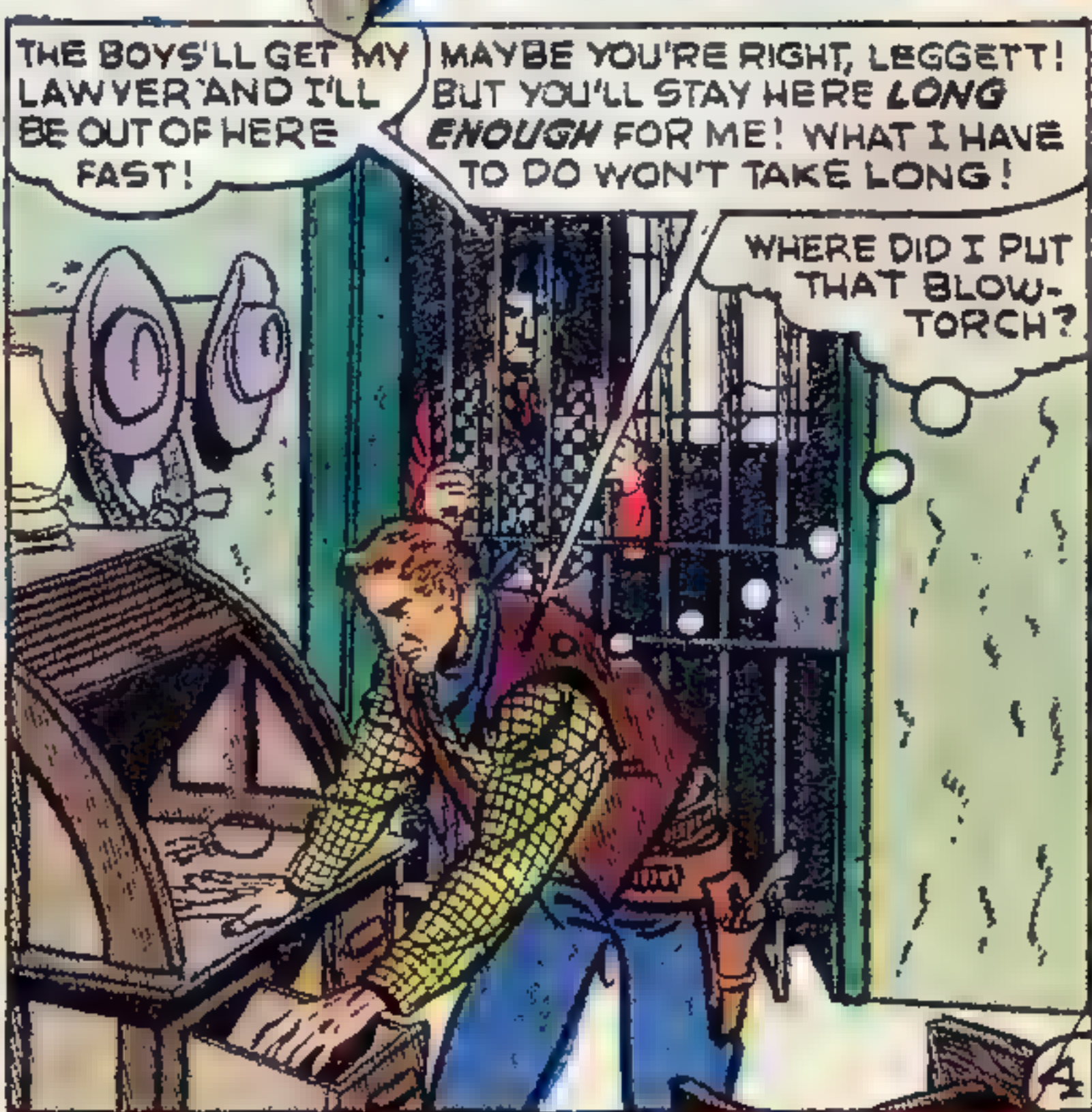
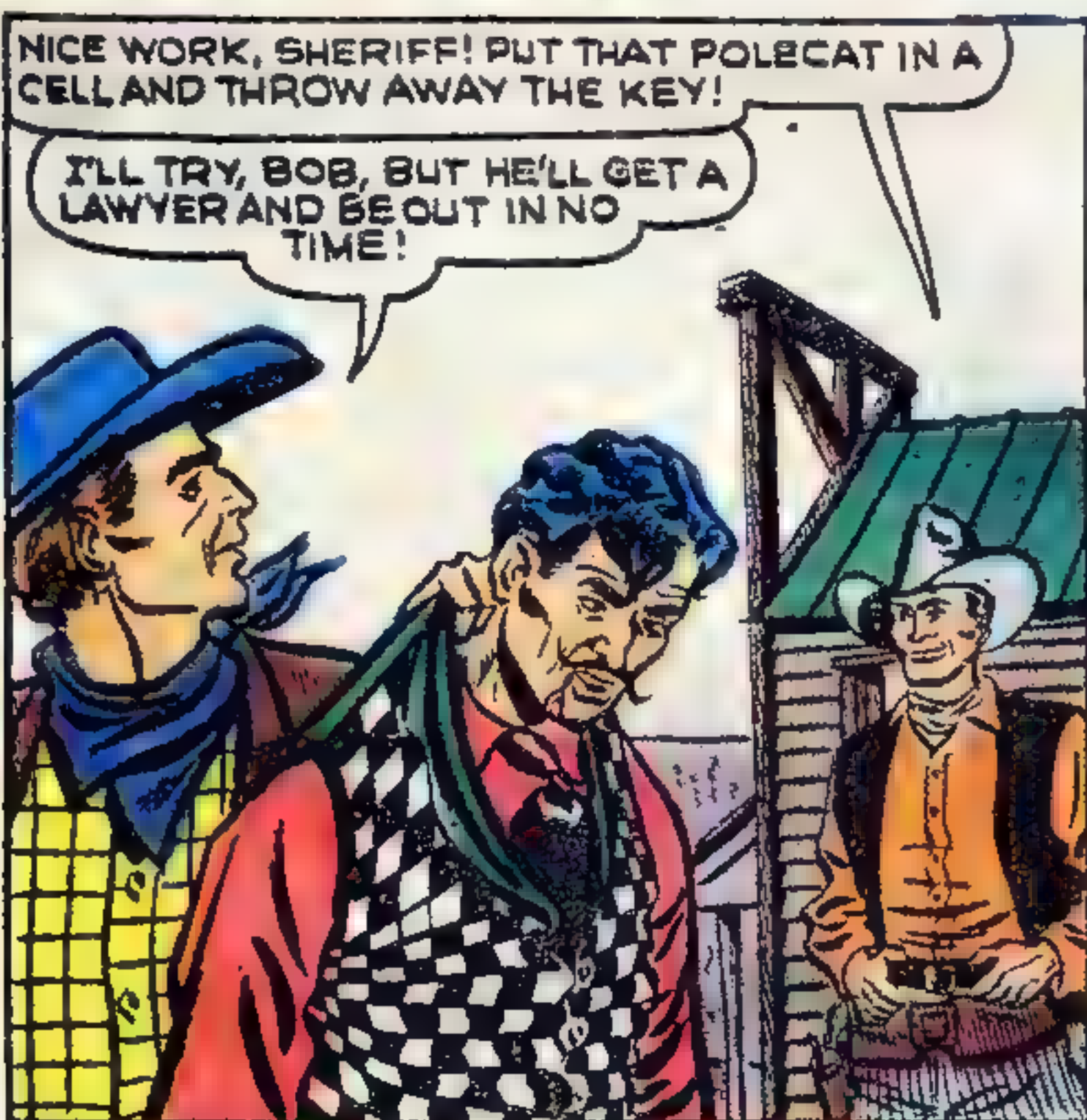
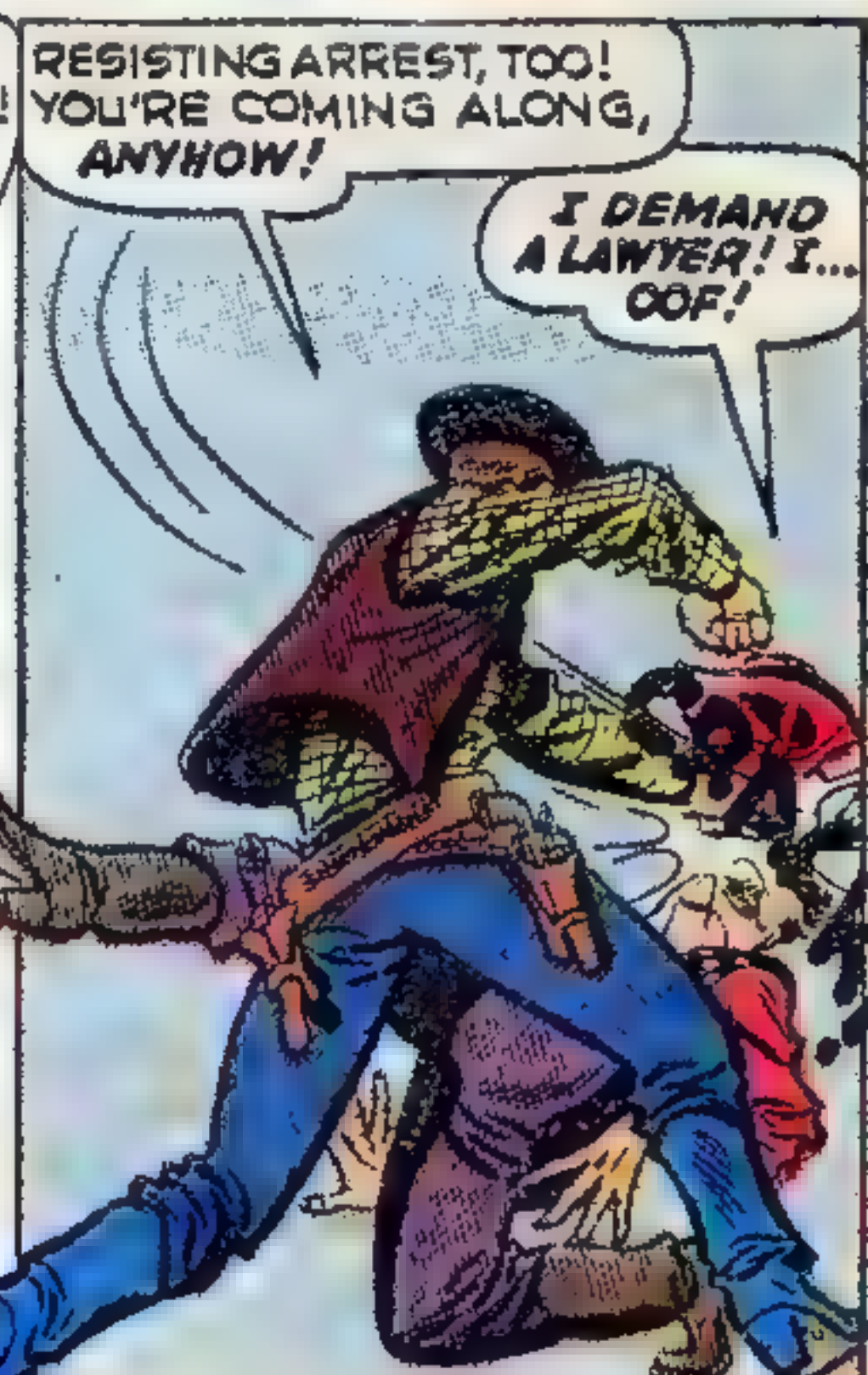
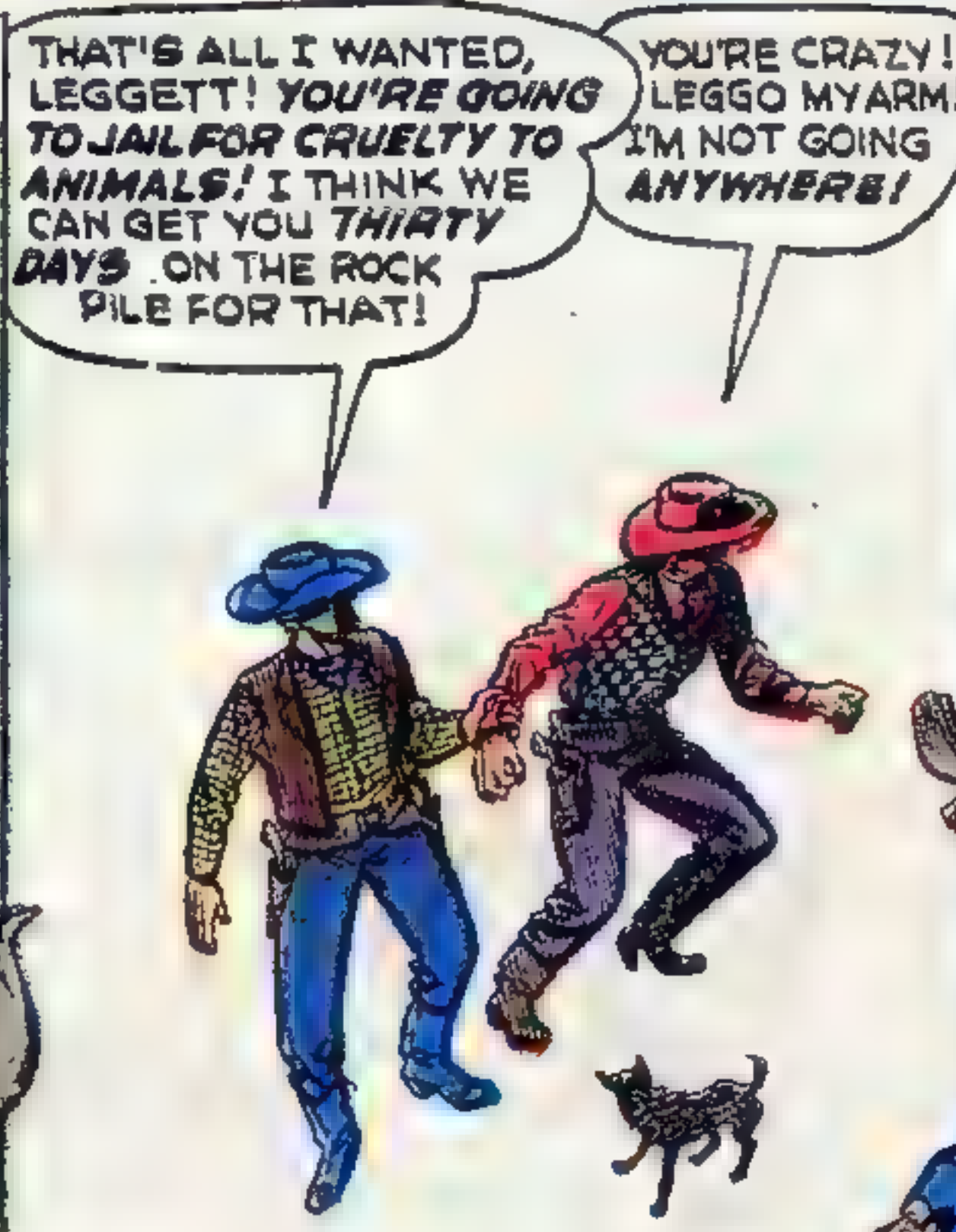
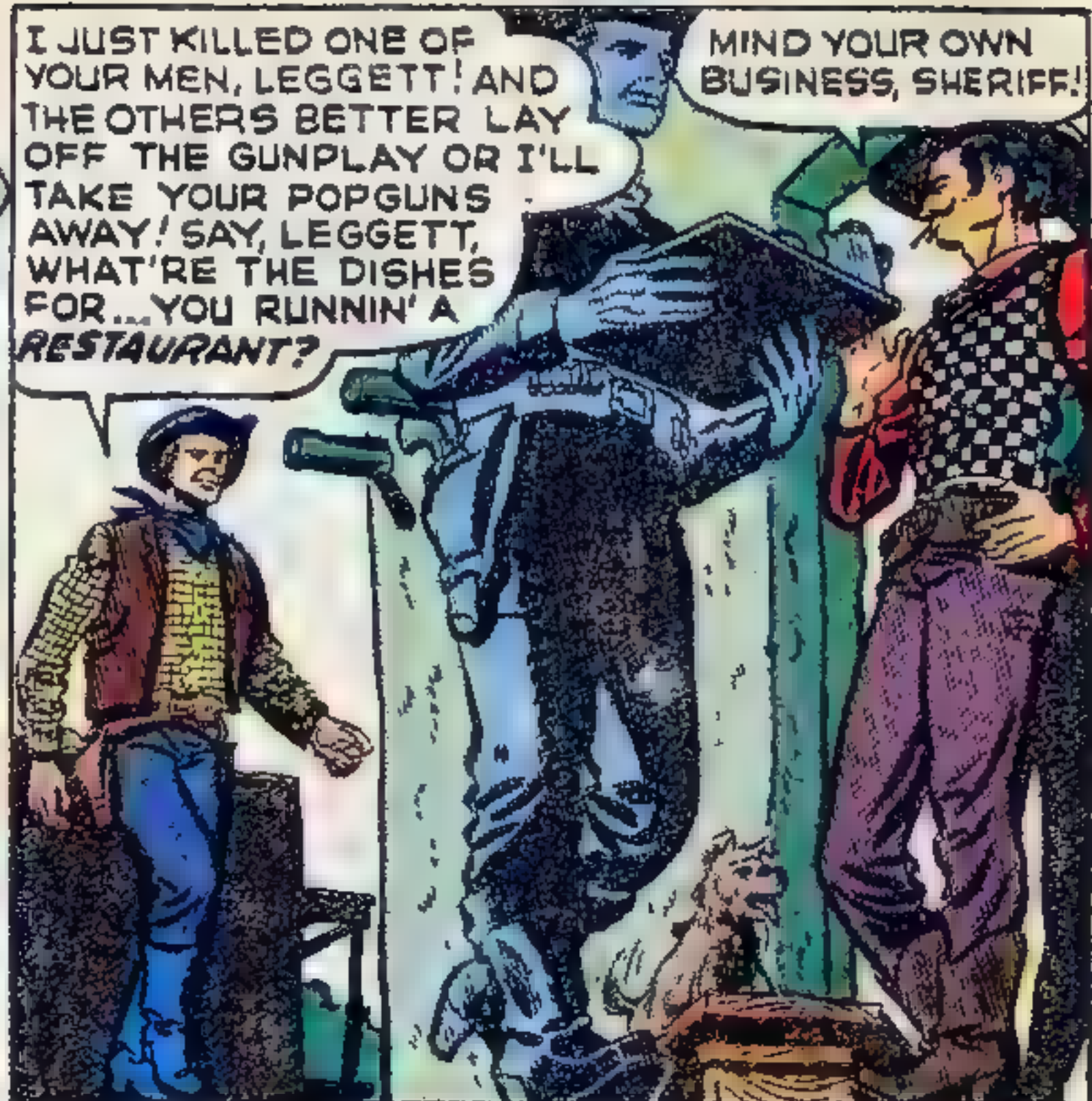
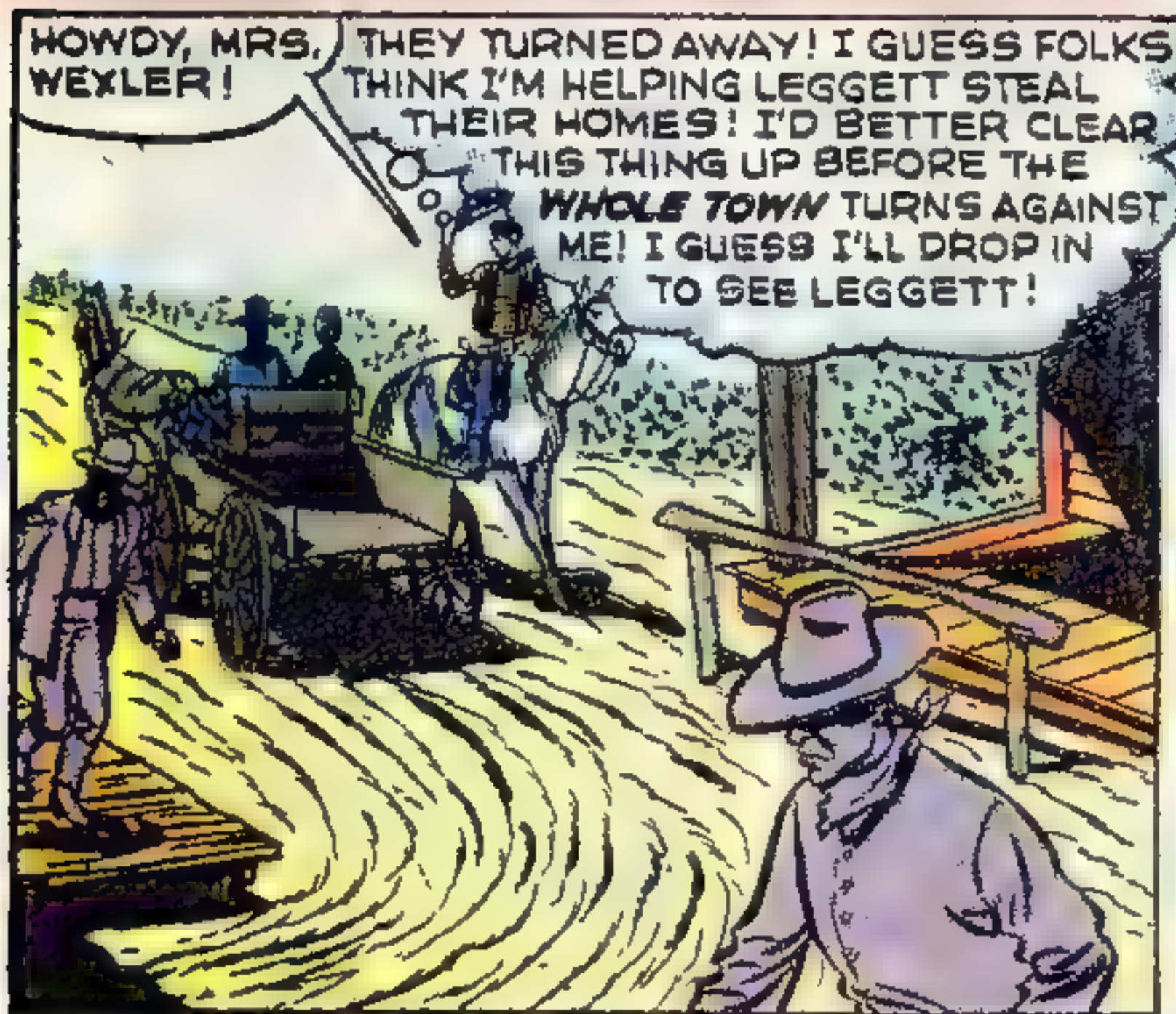
SIX-GUNS THUNDER AND LEGGETT'S SURVIVING GUNMEN SHOW YELLOW IN THE FACE OF BLAZE CARSON'S BLAZING HOGLEG!

D-DON'T SHOOT! WE CRAWL!

I COULD ARREST YOU GUNPUNKS. BUT I WON'T! GO BACK AND TELL LEGGETT TO KEEP HIS NOSE CLEAN OR HE'LL WIND UP IN THE SAME PLACE AS YOUR FRIEND, THERE!



BLAZE CARSON FEELS A LITTLE HAPPIER AS HE RIDES INTO TOWN! BUT THE UGLY SUSPICIONS OF HIS FELLOW TOWNSMEN CHANGE THAT!



IT'S STRANGE EQUIPMENT FOR A LAWMAN THAT THE SHERIFF HAS ASSEMBLED! A BLOW-TORCH, A MASK, AND A JIMMY! ITEMS MORE FREQUENTLY FOUND ON THE **OTHER** SIDE OF THE LAW!

THAT'S ABOUT ALL I NEED! LUCKY I CONFISCATED THIS STUFF FROM THE BANK ROBBERS A WHILE BACK! IF ANYONE CATCHES THE **SHERIFF** **ROBBING THE BANK!** THEY'LL THROW THE KEY AWAY SURE!



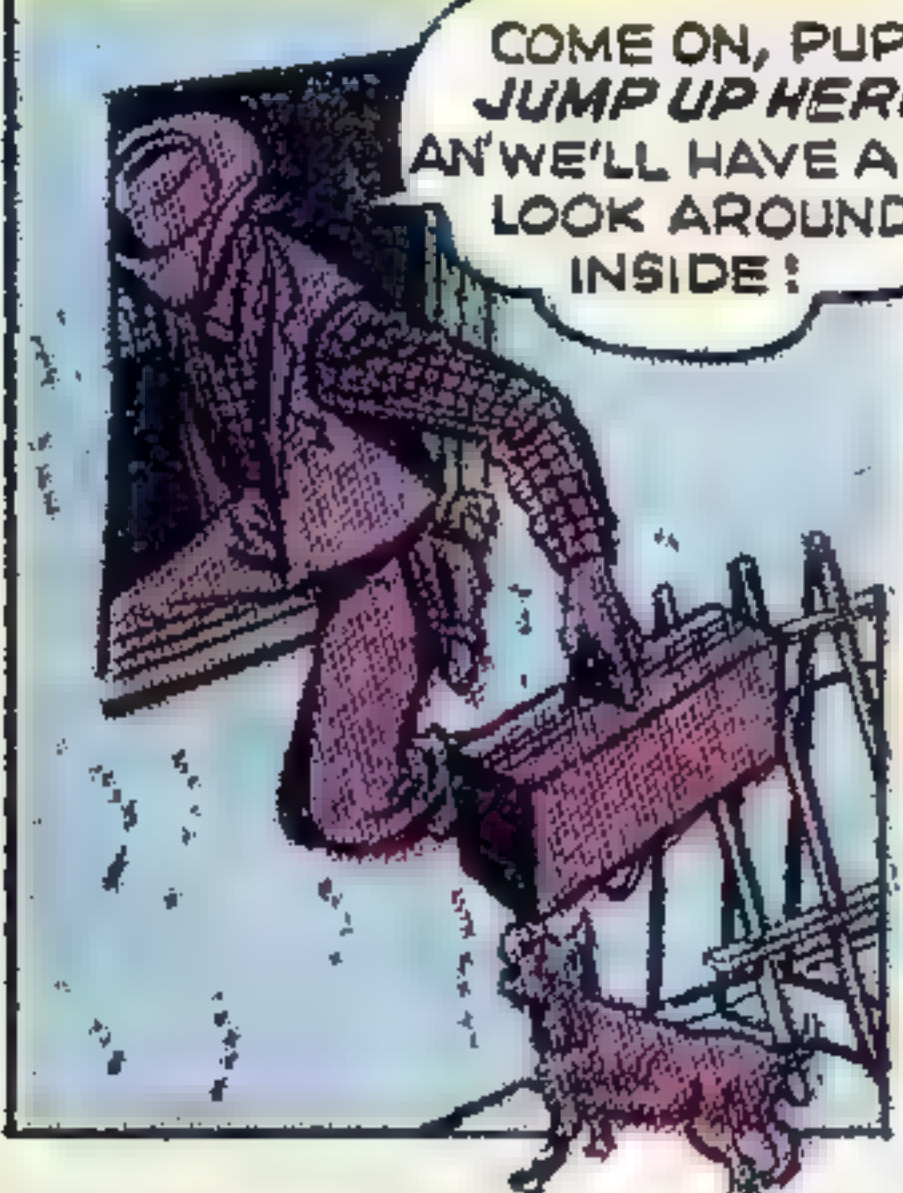
IF YOU TRY TO BREAK INTO **MY BANK**, I'LL SEE THAT YOU'RE CAUGHT AND SENT TO JAIL LIKE **ANY OTHER** CRIMINAL!

THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M AIMIN' TO DO, LEGGETT! AS FOR ME GOIN' TO JAIL, WE'LL WORRY ABOUT **THAT** AFTER IT **HAPPENS!**



A FEW MOMENTS LATER, THE SHERIFF USES THE JIMMY ON A SIDE WINDOW IN THE BANK! THE LOCK SNAPS AND HE'S IN! RANDEL'S DOG WHINES EAGERLY, SENSING A FRIEND!

COME ON, PUP! JUMP UP HERE AN' WE'LL HAVE A LOOK AROUND INSIDE!



THAT WAS A NICE JUMP THROUGH THE WINDOW, FELLA! SMELL SOMETHING IN THERE, BOY? SSH! DON'T **BARK** SO LOUD!

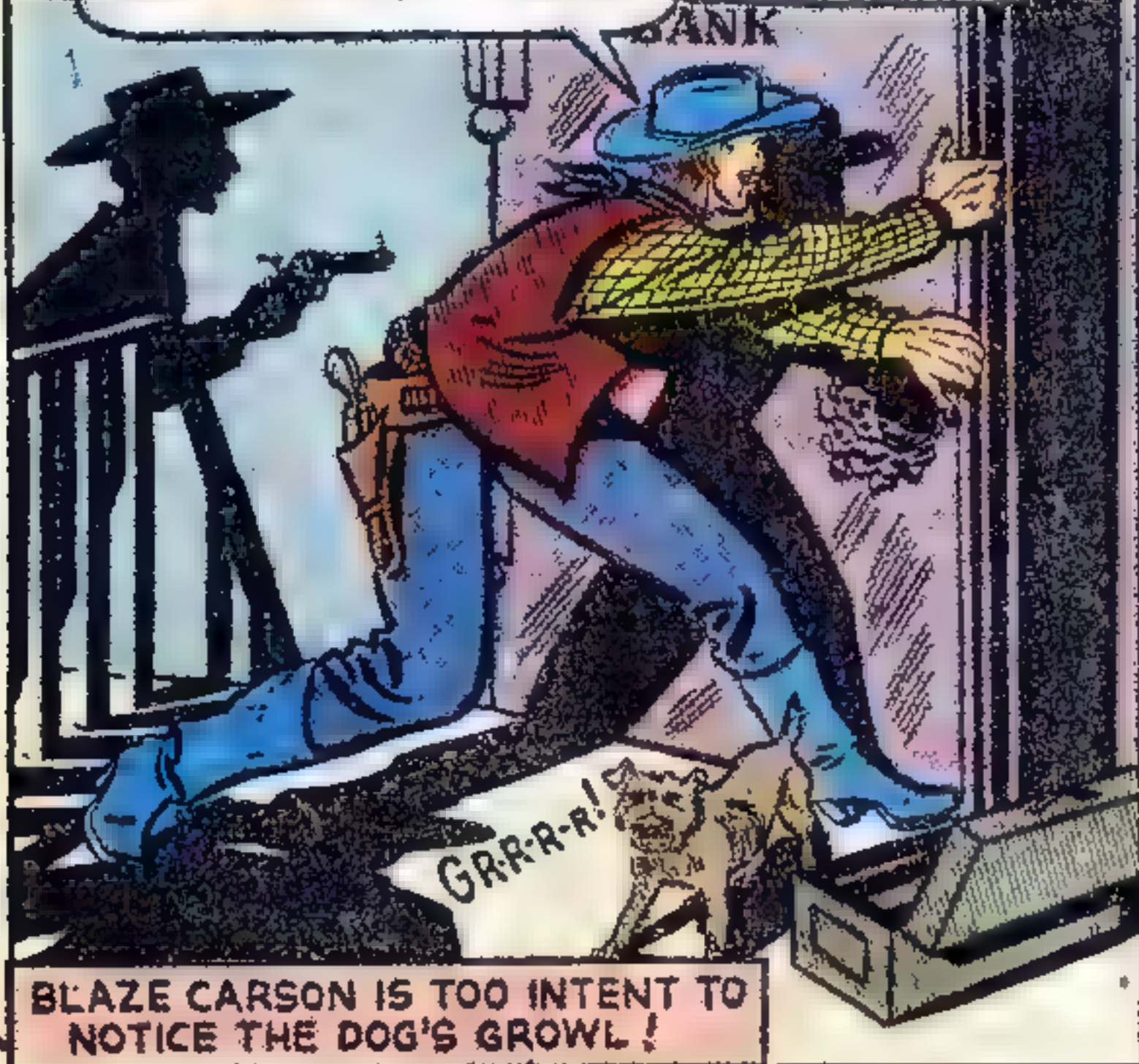
YIP! YIP!



I HOPE YOU'RE THINKING WHAT I'M THINKING, FELLA! IF I'M WRONG, I'LL SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN THE CALABOOSE! THOSE AIRHOLES IN THE DOOR LOOK MIGHTY SUSPICIOUS!



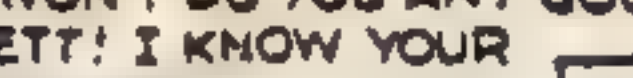
THAT DOES IT! NOW WE'LL OPEN THE VAULT AND SEE WHAT'S IN THERE!



BLAZE CARSON IS TOO INTENT TO NOTICE THE DOG'S GROWL!

NOW YOU'LL GET YOUR HANDS UP, SHERIFF! I'VE CAUGHT YOU **RED-HANDED**, **ROBBING MY BANK!**





THIS WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD, LEGGETT! I KNOW YOUR SECRET NOW! YOU AND YOUR BOYS ARE GOING TO JAIL FOR A LONG, LONG TIME!

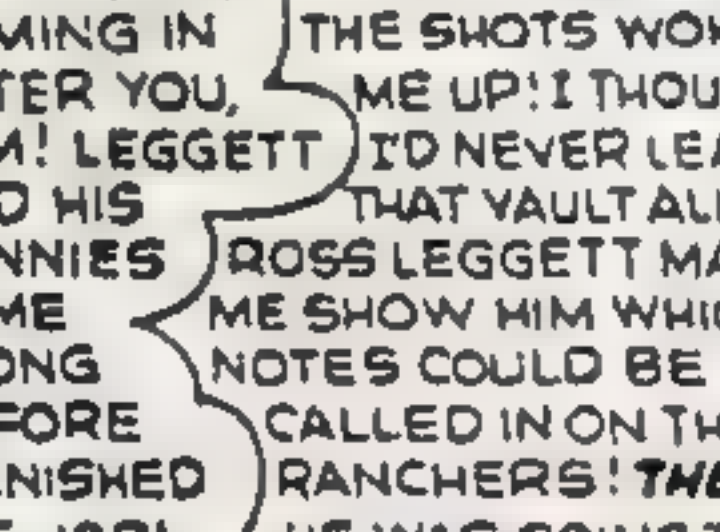
SO YOU'LL BE FOUND DEAD AND I'LL FINISH MY LAND-GRABBING SCHEME! HEY, WATCH THAT DOG!

GET HIM, YOU FOOLS!
THIS BLASTED MUTT
WON'T LET GO!

ONE DOWN,
LEGGETT!

BANG!

SUDDENLY, THE MISSING
BANKER, SAM RANDEL,
BURSTS FORTH FROM THE
VAULT WHERE HE HAS



I WAS JUST COMING IN AFTER YOU, SAM! LEGGETT AND HIS GUNNIES CAME ALONG BEFORE I FINISHED THE JOB!

I WAS ASLEEP AND THE SHOTS WOKE ME UP! I THOUGHT I'D NEVER LEAVE THAT VAULT ALIVE! ROSS LEGGETT MADE ME SHOW HIM WHICH NOTES COULD BE CALLED IN ON THE RANCHERS! *THEN* HE WAS GOING TO *KILL ME!*

THAT'S WHAT LEGGETT WANTED
GHT YOU TO THINK, JIM! HE CAME IN
17 WITH HIS HOODLUMS AND
LOCKED ME IN MY OWN VAULT!
FORCED ME TO SIGN THE
BUSINESS OVER TO HIM! IF
THE SHERIFF HADN'T
FOUND ME, IT WOULD
HAVE WORKED! HOW'D TR
YOU FIND OUT,
SHERIFF?
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ADVICE TO COMIC READERS FOR BAD SKIN

Stop Worrying Now About Pimples, Blackheads
And Other Externally Caused Skin Troubles
JUST FOLLOW SKIN DOCTOR'S SIMPLE DIRECTIONS

Have you ever stopped to realize that the leading screen stars whom you admire, as well as the beautiful models who have lovely, soft white skin, were all born just like you with a lovely smooth skin?

The truth is that many girls and women do not give their skin a chance to show off the natural beauty that lies hidden underneath those externally caused pimples, blackheads and irritations. For almost anyone can have the natural, normal complexion which is in itself beauty. All you have to do is follow a few amazingly simple rules.

Many women shut themselves out of the thrills of life — dates, romance, popularity, social and business success — only because sheer neglect has robbed them of the good looks, poise and feminine self-assurance which could so easily be theirs. Yes, everybody looks at your face. The beautiful complexion, which is yours for the asking, is like a permanent card of admission to all the good things of life that every woman craves. And it really can be yours — take my word for it! — no matter how discouraged you may be this very minute about those externally caused skin miseries.

Medical science gives us the truth about a lovely skin. There are small specks of dust and dirt in the air all the time. When these get into the open pores in your skin, they can in time cause the pores to become larger and more susceptible to dirt particles, dust and infection. These open pores begin to form blackheads which become in-

fectured and bring you the humiliation of pimples, blackheads or other blemishes. When you neglect your skin by not giving it the necessary care, you leave yourself wide open to externally caused skin miseries. Yet proper attention with the double Viderm treatment may mean the difference between enjoying the confidence a fine skin gives you or the embarrassment of an ugly, unbeautiful skin that makes you want to hide your face.



The double Viderm treatment is a formula prescribed by a skin doctor with amazing success, and costs you only a few cents daily. This treatment consists of two jars. One contains Viderm Skin Cleanser, a jelly-like formula which penetrates and acts as an anti-septic upon your pores. After you use this special Viderm Skin Cleanser, you simply apply the Viderm Fortified Medicated Skin Cream. You rub this in, leaving an almost invisible protective covering for the surface of your skin.

This double treatment has worked wonders for so many cases of external skin troubles that it may help you, too — in fact, your money will be refunded



if it doesn't. Use it for only ten days. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose. It is a guaranteed treatment. Enjoy it. Your dream of a clear, smooth complexion may come true in ten days or less.

Use your double Viderm treatment every day until your skin is smoother and clearer. Then use it only once a week to remove stale make-up and dirt specks that infect your pores, as well as to aid in healing external irritations. Remember that when you help prevent blackheads, you also help to prevent externally caused skin miseries and pimples.

Incidentally, while your two jars and the doctor's directions are on their way to you, be sure to wash your face as often as necessary. First use warm water, then cleanse with water as cold as you can stand it, in order to freshen, stimulate and help close your pores. After you receive everything, read your directions carefully. Then go right to it and let these two fine formulas help your dreams of a beautiful skin come true.

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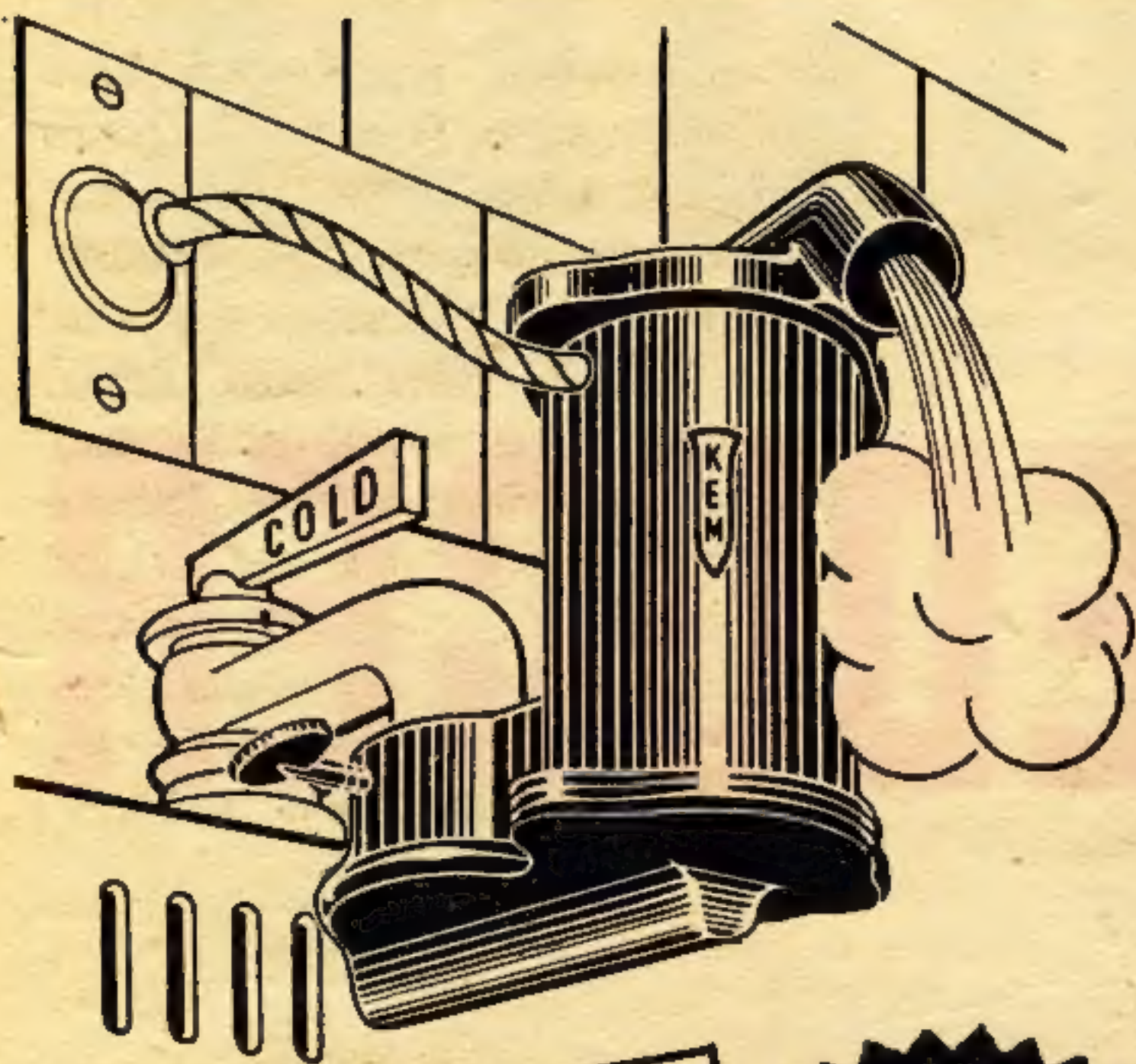
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